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Travellers on Nell's Point YET AGAIN

TRAVELLERS
moved illegally onto
Nell's Point Car
Park, Barry Island,
on Tuesday,
October 10, by
driving over the
alligator teeth at
the car park exit.

The Vale Council said
it was taking swift legal
action to remove them.

Some Island residents
had thought the vehicles
belonged to a film crew.

Council officers
advised the group that
their stay was
unauthorised, unlawful
and won't be tolerated.

The council said the
police had been
informed, and legal
action was under way to
evict them as soon as
possible.

The council has had
to deal with previous
occupations of the car
park by travellers, and
pointed out that although
a strict process has to be
followed, once it has
been completed they
would be given a
deadline to leave.

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A number of vehicles moved on to Nell's
Point on Tuesday this week.

NEW ST HELEN'S SCHOOL TO BUILD ON 'A PROUD HISTORY'



Cutting the tape is headteacher Kathy Giernalczyk,
with the help of some of the children and Canon Pat O'Gorman.

THE headteacher of the
newly-formed St Helen's
Catholic Primary School has
thanked everyone who helped
the amalgamation of the
infant and junior schools to go
so smoothly.

It is the latest development in
Catholic education in the town
which began over 125 years ago.

A school spokesperson said: "The

new school is now embarking on an
exciting new chapter in the history
of the infant and junior sections."

The first Catholic School in Barry
opened on May 10, 1892; the
current infant school, built in 1934,
was formally opened by the
Archbishop of Cardiff on January
10, 1935. In 1975, St Helen's Junior
School was built on Tynwydd
Road.

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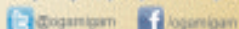
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MYTHS TAKEN ON BOARD

WALES has long been regarded as a land of mountains, music and mists, to this I would add myths.

Recently, on three separate occasions, three different men referred to a much-repeated myth, that when local, south Wales docks were at their busiest and full of vessels you could walk from one side of the dock to the other by crossing the decks of the vessels. One of the men cited Cardiff dock and the other two cited Barry dock.

When I disputed these claims, they all became

incensed and all three said they had seen photographs that proved their claims. One man claimed he had witnessed the phenomenon.

However, none of the trio could give a definitive date or dates.

Does anyone have a photograph or facts to prove the claims?

AR Thorne, Cardiff

Any reader in possession of such a photograph can send a scanned copy of it to editorial@glamorgangem.co.uk with details of the location and approximate date, as well as with their contact details.

Another telephone scam is out there

IRECENTLY received a phone call from someone claiming to represent HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs).

The posh-sounding female recording said a legal case was being taken out against me and to ring another number. Failure to ring would cost me a large sum of money.

I can only imagine the panic this sort of call would cause to many old and lonely people who may have no family to field such calls.

I hope that anyone receiving this type of scam call will do the sensible thing, ignore it and hang up. **Mrs M Hooper, Rhose.**

THANKS TO THE TENOVUS CHOIR

THE report in The GEM of October 5 thanked many people who helped to make the Friends Of Tenovus luncheon a success.

However, it failed to thank the Barry Tenovus Sing with Us Choir who entertained the Friends Of Tenovus at their anniversary luncheon.

The choir, ably and enthusiastically led by Jo Fowler, sang several songs which were well received by the attendees at the lunch. The choir

sings at events regularly throughout the year and helps to raise funds for Tenovus. Our recent concert, for example, raised more than £1,200 for Tenovus.

We were pleased to help the Barry Friends Of Tenovus celebrate this important event in their history, and wish them well for their future efforts to raise money to support the vitally important research and practical help that Tenovus gives to cancer patients.

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Proper debate needed on council for Rhose

IWOULD like to add my voice to the regrettably low-key debate on the proposal to resurrect the Rhose and District Community Council.

One recent letter dismissed the whole subject with a simple statement that we don't need a community council in the ward, as all decisions are taken by the Vale Council.

Another correspondent pointed out that few people knew about the recent public meeting, although this point could be disputed, as I understand that over 250 people attended. But within these two letters are a couple of very important points.

Firstly, all decisions certainly are taken by the Vale Council, and that's one of the failings of the current situation.

The community defined by the Rhose electoral ward is the fifth largest in the Vale after Barry, Penarth, Llantwit Major (with St

Athan) and Dinas Powys, yet is not one of the 26 that each has its own town or community council.

Our voice at the decision-making table is restricted to our two local councillors, who are part of a political grouping that was elected in May in part because of anti-Corbyn hysteria whipped up by our local MP, and is primarily concerned with county-level issues.

Our councillors have no more real influence over decisions that affect Rhose and district than any of the other 45. It is true that even with a community council we would retain the same proportion of the votes within the council chamber, although that could change, given the rapidly increasing population.

However, the charter that is in place between the county council and the 26 community councils that do exist, ensures that, among others things, the councils at each level recognise each other's legitimacy and

responsibilities, have clear and mandatory communication and consultation lines on matters such as land use planning, and agree appropriate delegation of service delivery, recognising the enhanced local knowledge that a community council would have.

My second point concerns the level of awareness within the ward that this process is even under way. With less than a month before the planned poll, there is very little in the way of a public debate on the issue outside the letters page of The GEM, and no information sharing mechanism at all.

The result of the vote taken at the public meeting has not been communicated to the people of the ward, and there is no visible campaign to inform the

people who will be asked to take part, of the issues and consequences of any decision either for or against.

My personal opinion is that the ward would benefit from having a community council, and that the 'modest' precept being suggested of less than £1 per week is worth it for the more effective voice that we would have on local matters – and the direct control that we would have over community facilities, such as halls, public open spaces and playgrounds.

But that is just my opinion, and what is more important is that the thousands of other people in the ward who have the opportunity to state their opinion are able to do so in a properly informed and considered manner.

John Banks, Barry.

Future of unit 'not a foregone conclusion'

IN response to letter a letter printed in the Thursday, October 5 edition of The GEM, I would like to clarify that the proposal which is currently under consideration to move the Key Stage 3 Pupil Referral Unit from the Amelia Trust Farm site to Llantwit Major is certainly not a foregone conclusion.

The proposal has been subject to a rigorous consultation process, the responses to which are

currently being considered ahead of being reported to the Vale Council's cabinet in December.

Only then will any decision be taken on the future of the unit.

It is always heartening to see people engaging in issues currently under discussion by the council and if anyone is interested in learning more about what is being considered, they can read the full detail of the report at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Coun Bob Penrose, Cabinet member for learning and skills, Vale Council.

Vale MP not 'throwing his weight around'

IAM amazed that the writer of the recent GEM letter on October 5 'MP silent on big issues' quite obviously has little knowledge of the function of MPs, otherwise he would be aware that our MP is quite rightly involved in local affairs.

That is what he was elected to do. All this sniping, and that is what it is, because he tried to help a group of school children enjoy competitive football.

This is not "throwing his weight around", we don't hear the children or their mentors complaining.

No, this is just an excuse to have a pop at someone trying to do his job. You can read about

his views and actions in the UK parliament from regular interviews in the media, I believe he has given at least four TV interviews this week.

As Secretary of State for Wales, he has every right to involve himself with the Welsh Assembly and local council; indeed he would be in dereliction of his duty if he were not.

Mr Reed, the letter writer, points out that the Vale is now a marginal seat, but Alun Cairns was re-elected with an increased majority at the last election.

It is worth noting that while a majority of Welsh people voted to leave the EU, the First Minister uses the tiniest of majorities in the Assembly to pursue his own anti-Brexit agenda with no regard to the wishes of the people.

Bob Wheatley, Barry.

Noise from the incinerator is already a problem for local residents

WHILE walking my dog on the land adjacent to the soon-to-be-completed incinerator last Sunday morning, I couldn't help but notice the building noise emanating from the plant.

Drilling, hammering and a generator grumbling away.

It was my understanding that the

site had been served a notice by the council, banning it from making any noise that came beyond the site boundary outside of normal working hours. This, I understand, includes Sunday mornings.

Are Aviva/Biomass going to give the council and local residents the same kind of disregard, should they be granted a licence to operate?

From current behaviour it would certainly appear so.

Ade Pitman, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 19)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
12 Thur	11.57	8.8		
13 Fri	00.32	8.4	13.07	8.3
14 Sat	01.54	8.0	14.34	8.1
15 Sun	03.22	8.2	15.58	8.5
16 Mon	04.38	8.8	17.03	9.0
17 Tues	05.34	9.3	17.55	9.6
18 Wed	06.17	10.0	18.37	10.1
19 Thur	06.58	10.1	19.14	10.0

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Will radioactive waste be dumped off Penarth? 'SAFEGUARD OUR SEAS' pleads Vale Council

THE Vale Council says it is determined to ensure 'all the necessary safeguards' are in place in case radioactive material is deposited in the Bristol Channel off Penarth.

A licence runs until 2019 allowing for the disposal of dredged materials resulting from work at Hinkley Point Power Station.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) said that when a marine licence was under consideration, human health and the environment were paramount considerations.

A report to the Vale Cabinet on Monday this week sought authority for the Council Leader John Thomas, to write urgently to the Welsh Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths, and NRW to express the council's concern.

Coun Thomas wants a meeting with them to discuss potential disposal of "dredged radioactive material" at a site in the channel called 'Cardiff Grounds'.

The report by Vale Cabinet member Coun Geoff Cox sets out the concerns raised in a petition to the Welsh Government.

Coun Thomas said: "Local residents are

understandably very concerned about this proposal and to serve their interests this council will take all steps possible to ensure all necessary assessments are undertaken and safeguards are in place when and if any depositing of material goes ahead.

"The initial licence was granted by NRW more than three years ago and concerns have since been raised about the adequacy of the radiological assessment that was undertaken at the time.

"I believe that at the very least a more thorough radiological assessment, involving greater sampling of the material and undertaken to the full excavation depth and over the entire excavation area, is required.

"I also intend to press NRW and Welsh Government to formally involve the leadership of all affected local authorities so that those residents whose lives will be affected are given a voice in the process."

Following an application, a marine licence was granted in July 2014 by NRW to NNB Genco, a subsidiary of EDF Energy, to dispose of dredged

materials arising from work associated with the Hinkley Point.

No material from Hinkley Point has yet been deposited at the Cardiff Grounds site but the licence remains valid until March 4, 2019 and allows 304,885 tonnes to be deposited at the site.

Ms Griffiths, recently issued a written statement relating to dredged material: "A marine licence was issued by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to dispose of dredged material to the Cardiff Grounds disposal site in 2014, which is one of 17 disposal sites across Wales.

"To clarify, it is important to note, the licence is not for the disposal of nuclear waste. The material licenced for disposal is sediment dredged from the Severn Estuary.

"To date, no disposal

activity has taken place. Any dredged material to be disposed of will be sampled, tested and the licence holder is subject to further written approval by NRW before any disposal activity can take place under the licence.

"I can reassure members a sound assessment process is in place to protect the marine environment and human health for present and future generations."

The full statement can be seen on the Welsh Government website gov.wales/about/cabinet/cabinetstatements/2017/marinelicensehinkleypoint/?lang=en.

John Wheadon, permitting service manager for NRW, said work would only start if NRW was confident no harm would be done.

"When assessing a marine licence, we consider the protection of

human health and the environment, and ensure proposals do not interfere with legitimate uses of the sea.

"Our decision to issue the licence was based on the best available evidence submitted with the application, and evidence we received through the consultation

process. "There are strict conditions in the licence to test the sediment, including a radiological assessment, before it can be deposited.

"We will only allow the work to start if we're confident the activity will not harm people and the environment."

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Christmas market opportunity

HOLTON ROAD traders are planning Christmas festivities on King Square and Holton Road and are inviting people interested in taking part to get in touch.

The idea is to have Christmas market stalls with food, drinks and gifts.

Readers who are interested in taking part and would like some more information, email emmamariethorne@live.co.uk.

It will help if people include some information about themselves, along with photos of their crafts or products, and a link to a Facebook page if there is one.

Cancer Research charity quiz

THE Barry branch of Cancer Research UK will be holding a quiz at the West End Social Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry on November 8.

7.30pm prompt for 8pm start, tickets are £3 and are available on the door. All proceeds go to the charity.

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A busy programme of walks for Penarth and District Ramblers

PENARTH and District Ramblers have started a new six-month walking programme and there is a huge variety of walks to be had.

There will be shorter walks in the Valley of the Stags at Llanarfan, at Catbrook in Monmouthshire, a chance to walk off the Christmas pudding at Cardiff Bay, a tour of three of Barry's best beaches, Dinas Powys to Cosmeston circular with the promise of a pint at the end, Moel Penderyn near where the famous Welsh whisky is made, Goytre Wharf on the Brecon/Abergavenny canal and the Mellte and Nedd Valleys in the Upper Neath Valley.

There will be longer length mid-week visits to the Golden Valley in

Herefordshire, then a chance to walk both Monmouthshire and Herefordshire for a visit to Grosmont and Kilpeck to view the delightful church and its carved corbels, a rail ramble from Llanharan to Taff's Well, the annual Blue Anchor luncheon to celebrate the New Year, Porthkerry to Llanarfan circular and a trip up to the mountains above Talybont reservoir.

There will also be visits to Cwm Clydach, a figure of eight at Sarn and Coity, the Ogmere Valley taking in Craig Ogwr, three of the villages in the Rhondda Valley, Goodrich in the Wye Valley, the delightful Llynfi Valley, Chepstow and Tintern along Offa's Dyke, fields and rocky beaches at Wick, beaches and dunes at Ogmere and Newton, hidden Cardiff including

Insole Court, a linear walk from St Nicholas back to Penarth taking in Wenvoe, the Salmon Leaps and Dinas Powys.

Or how about a trip to Gower with lunch thrown in at the King's Head in Llangennith, a circular walk from Barry Island taking in Rhose and Porthkerry, a train ramble to the Rhondda Fach and Rhondda Fawr valleys, a trip to the Cathedral of the Forest at Newland, Ysgryd Fawr and Bryn Arw with lunch at the historic Skirrid Inn, a chance to view the delightful Welsh daffodils at Castell-upon-Alun, a woodland walk in the glorious Wye Valley, trekking around Penrhy and tramping the Rhymney River Circular Walk?

On Friday, March 30, 2018, Penarth and District Ramblers will be celebrating their 25th

birthday, just in time for the launch of the new six-month spring and summer programme, which no doubt will be very special.

If you feel like joining the group, you will be made to feel very welcome. For up to date information on walks, log onto www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or Facebook.

On October 14, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a six-mile moderate walk taking in Six Bells and Abertillery with a visit to the 'Guardian'; Contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

On October 15, meet at 9am at Penarth Clifftop car park for a 9.5-mile moderate circular tour of Cosmeston and Swanbridge with lunch on Sully Island; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On October 18, the mid-week walk leaves Cogan at 8am for a 16-mile moderate/hard walk taking in the Golden Valley and Dore Abbey; contact William on 07528 701952.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 20255102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Penmark and Porthkerry Scouts celebrate special anniversary



Kay raises £100 for Macmillan



Kay making cakes with support worker Julie Kerr.



A BARRY woman with disabilities organised a fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Care, which raised £100.16.

Kay Lovering (61) bought cake mix and stands, along with coffee, to hold the fundraiser at the Cardiff Cartrefi Cymru office on September 28.

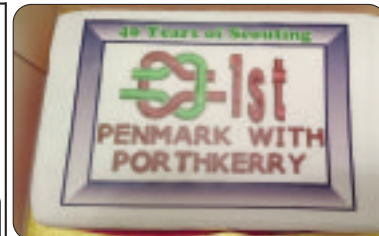
Kay lives in a supervised supported-living house, but still has time to think of others.

With help, she was able to make cakes to raise funds for a worthy cause.

Members of Cartrefi also got into the spirit of things and made cakes for the fundraiser too.

A Cartrefi spokeswoman said: "We also received a helpful pack from Macmillan, and Kay was able to decorate the room, lay the table and create the display. Service users and staff of Cartrefi attended the morning and a great day was enjoyed by all."

Some of Kay's cakes that went down so well, and raised so much money.



1ST PENMARK with Porthkerry Scout group is celebrating 40 years since the group was first registered.

The anniversary was marked with a get-together at Pontygarw Leisure Park on September 23, and by lighting a beacon.

Members of the group set up during the day erecting a tent and stacking the beacon to be lit. There were burgers donated by Tesco Express, Rhose and cakes from Coffee Time as well as hot chocolate, tea and coffee.

As dusk fell, the beacon was lit and the birthday cake cut. It was lovely to see so many people there, including many young people who attend the sections.

1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group is now part of a new Cardiff and Vale district known as Tir A Mor and new badges were given out to youth members, young leaders and adult leaders.

It was a lovely evening, the weather stayed dry and everyone had a great time. It was

also an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the good work carried out by the Scout volunteers over the last 40 years, as without them the group would not be the success that it is.

The children who attend Beavers, Cubs and Scouts enjoy learning new skills, meeting new people, having new experiences, working together and most importantly having fun.

Each of the sections has young leaders who have themselves worked their way through group sections are now teaching new members the skills they were once taught.

Additional help however, is always welcome, whether that's helping out in a section, being a member of the executive committee, providing a one-off skills night presentation or helping with hut maintenance.

There is always something to do and if you think you can help please get in touch with the group Scout leader - gsl@penmarkscouts.org.uk.

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Haulage company raised £585.75 for Macmillan

S&K HAULAGE in Barry is grateful that two of their staff arranged a coffee morning on behalf of Macmillan Cancer Support recently.

Joanne and Tracy decided to organise the coffee morning at S&K

Haulage and managed to raise £585.75.

The amount of money raised for this cause could not have been achieved without the S&K Haulage staff and their partners who, said a spokesperson, "baked their little socks off to make the event a success."

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Career switch pays dividends for Cerianne

A FORMER investment manager from Barry who switched to a career in social care when she realised her computer was her only companion, is in the running for a top Welsh care award.

Cerianne Gratton worked in the financial services sector for 17 years, protecting the multimillion pound investments of large corporations.

But then, the 38-year-old decided she needed a career change and returned to a company she had completed administrative training with at the age of 16.

Now, after working her way to a top role as registered manager at domiciliary care provider All Care (S Wales) Ltd, the mum-of-three is celebrating reaching the final of the Wales Care Awards.

Cerianne has been nominated for the 'Promoting Fulfilled Lives' award.

The awards, run by Care Forum Wales, acknowledge the hard work and exceptional performances of those in the care sector.

Cerianne will attend the awards ceremony at City Hall in Cardiff on November 17 which will be hosted by tenor Wynne Evans, best known as Gio Compario from the Go Compare TV adverts.

"I was really surprised about the nomination as I had no idea," she admitted.

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"Keri, my boss, took a huge chance on me coming into the sector when there are so many changes taking place and into a role which entails huge responsibility. I'm very grateful for the chance she gave me, even though sometimes this job is the hardest thing I've ever done in my life!"

Cerianne lives with her husband Adrian (43), who is also in social care, and their children, Billy, (21), Callie (12) and Robbie (11).

She left Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School at 16 and was taken on by All Care South Wales Ltd to work as an YTS administration trainee at one of its nursing homes in Barry.

After 12 months, she moved to the financial services sector with Legal and General and stayed there until she had a major rethink. It was when her youngest child, Robbie, started school full-time that Cerianne decided it was time to try something new.

"There was little opportunity to build relationships with people in my job. My only 'colleague' was my computer! I really wanted to do something completely different and I felt I had more to give people. I wanted to interact and make a difference to people's lives."

Cerianne contacted her former manager at All Care in search of work and discovered the registered manager's post would soon be available. She applied and was appointed deputy manager three years ago. However, the early days weren't easy.

"I had to start from the very beginning and learn about care because I had no clue as to what care management was all about."

"There was just no comparison to my old job - I couldn't imagine that people needed this level of support. But it's far more rewarding - as hard as it is."

"It's not a job, it's a life, it's not nine to five, it pulls on your heart strings and it makes you realise that things you look on as irrelevant are huge issues for someone else."

Following the completion of her QCF Level 5 management award, Cerianne became the registered manager of the company, overseeing up to 100 carers and administrative staff across the Vale and Cardiff from the company's head office in Barry.

She is the third-generation care worker in her family and admits it must be "in the blood". Her mum, June Farmer, is a district nurse and her grandmother worked as a carer in a nursing home.

Nominating Cerianne for the award, Keri Llewellyn, company director, said: "Cerianne has totally embraced the mission and culture of All Care where we are committed to being the best we can and thinking outside the box to improve people's lives."

Mario Kreft, the chair of Care Forum Wales, said the Wales Care Awards had gone from strength to strength.

He said: "It is a pleasure to honour the contribution of all the finalists. Each and every one of them should be very proud of their achievement."



Cerianne Gratton.

Get your skates on... Ice Central is returning to Barry this Christmas

THIS Christmas, Ice Central will return to Central Park, following last year's success, when large numbers of visitors enjoyed the temporary ice rink.

It will open on Saturday, November 25, after the Christmas lights are switched on at King Square, which takes place at 5pm.

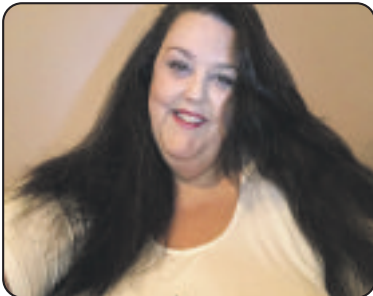
It will be open every day until Sunday, December 17. There will be late evenings on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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Ice Central at Central Park, Barry.

Generous Barry helps Pamela raise over £1,500



Pamela before the head shave...



... and Pamela after the head shave with Nicola Murphy.

THE amazing generosity of Barrians was demonstrated by support for a local woman who had a charity head-shave in memory of two brave men.

Pamela Dungey (53), who is confined to a wheelchair, decided to have her hair shaved off to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. She also wanted to pay tribute to her brother John Dungey and her friend Sam Gould, who both died of cancer recently.

Last week, Nicola Murphy arrived at Pamela's house with the razor, and off went the hair!

Her long locks won't be wasted, because her hair has been donated to The Little Princess Trust which makes wigs for children who have lost their own hair through chemotherapy.

Pamela said: "When a family loses someone to cancer, a person who should not have died so young, it hits them so

hard, and both John and Sam faced their illnesses with the most incredible courage and dignity.

"Cancer has to be beaten, and the only way is to find a cure for all cancers. Shaving off my hair was the only thing that I could do.

"I am disabled and mostly housebound. I live my whole life in pain every single day, but I knew in my heart that I could still do something to try and make a difference.

"I now have a very strange looking and feeling head, but it has all been worth it. So far, with gift aid added, we have broken the £1,500 mark.

"I never imagined that I would ever raise such a huge amount, but my friends and the people of Barry have truly embraced what I have done."

Pamela's Just Giving page will still remain open for a couple of weeks for further donations: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pamela-dungey>.

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The recent Rotary Club coffee morning went with a swing.



Double Tops entertain at Rotary coffee morning

THE Rotary Club of Barry held a successful charity coffee morning on October 7 in All Saints' Church Hall in Barry.

Despite torrential rain, the hall was full to capacity with music provided by Double Tops. A cake stall, paper stall and book stall, along with a raffle, helped the event raise £443.

The club also promoted their emergency information scheme, 'Message in a Bottle'.

The club would like to thank All

Saints Church for the use of their hall and everyone who supported the event in so many ways.

2017/18 marks the centenary of Rotary in Wales and the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club of Barry.

The Rotary Club of Barry meets weekly in the Glenbrook on Thursdays 6pm for 6.30pm. For further information, call club secretary Phil Hunt on 01446 720000 or look online at www.ribi.org.

Food smiles and miles



Year-5 Colcot pupils learning about food miles with ASDA employee Linette Griffin.

PUPILS of Colcot Primary School, Barry have recently been learning about where food comes from as part of their year-5 topic 'Allotments'.

They visited the allotments at Severn Avenue to learn about produce which is grown close to home. They were given a tour by allotment owner, Dave Holloman, who explained how the vegetables are grown and were then treated to some of Mr Noble's freshly grown apples and rhubarb which they brought back to school and used to make a fruit crumble.

Logan Hughes, aged 9 said, "It was really interesting coming here because I didn't know that this allotment was even here. There are rows and rows of vegetables and I enjoyed finding out what they needed to grow well."

This week, year 5 had a visit from Lynette Griffin, an employee of ASDA, who came to the school to

teach the children which foods are grown in other countries and how they end up in the supermarkets.

The children learnt which produce is grown in different seasons and were able to taste a selection of fruit and vegetables. They also discussed the importance of eating healthily.

Finally, the children used QR codes to access websites which enabled them to calculate how far the produce had travelled to reach them.

Luke Greatwood, (9) said: "The lesson was really good and Lynette told us where the different foods came from. I had no idea that the large oranges came all the way from South Africa which is over 5,000 miles away"

The year-5 children also led their school's Harvest assembly this week, sharing important information about healthy eating, food miles and the importance of sharing.

'Have your say' on secondary education in Barry

TWO new mixed-sex secondary schools will replace Barry Comprehensive School and Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School in September 2018.

Parents of all year-6 pupils and parents of pupils currently in years 7-9 at Barry Comprehensive and Bryn Hafren are invited to attend open evenings at the two sites ahead of making their applications for the 2018/19 academic year.

The open days will give parents the chance to take a tour of the facilities, meet staff and learn more about the curriculum and additional learning needs provision that will be offered at each new school, as well as plans for future improvements and the admissions process.

A presentation will also be given by executive headteacher for the two new schools, Dr Vince Browne.

The times and dates of the sessions are: Port Road Site - Wednesday, October 18; Barry Comprehensive School, year-6: 5pm-6pm; years 7, 8 and 9: 6pm-7pm.

Merthyr Dyfan Road site: Thursday, October 19.

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School: year-6: 6pm-7pm. Year 7, 8 and 9: 7pm-8pm.

Find out more at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



Following her talk, Belinda Bauer was presented with a bouquet.

RHOOSE Community Library hosted the crime author Belinda Bauer on October 6.

More than 50 people attended the event and Belinda captivated the audience with her life story - from humble beginnings, to screen writing in America, journalism at a small paper in Devon, to the dizzy heights of being a best-selling author.

She lives in the Vale and is a constant supporter of Rhooose Community Library.

PHYLLIS NELSON

Bus service not really 'public' transport - READER

I AGREE with M Wilson's comments in The GEM recently regarding the T9 and 90 bus services.

My understanding is that one is funded by the Welsh Government and the other by the Vale Council.

Either way, it is the people on the ground who pay in taxes of one sort or another.

I am given to understand the Vale has no resources to reintroduce the 90 in the foreseeable future and public transport is open to debate.

In the meantime, it seems 'public' transport is not so public.

Irene Shaddick, Rhooose.

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Charity coffee 'brings community together'



Jane Hutt (left) with Bernadette Jones and Lisa Butler from Knights Lettings.

POLITICIANS, business owners, landlords, tenants, family and friends attended the Knights Estate Agents' annual charity coffee morning on High Street, Barry last Friday (September 29).

The event, part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning, raised nearly £500 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Jane Hutt, Assembly Member for the Vale of Glamorgan, who attended, said: "I'm really delighted that Knights is, yet again, having a Macmillan coffee morning. This is such an important charity."

Her sentiments were echoed by Deputy Mayor for the Vale, Coun

Leighton Rowland, who recently lost a family friend to throat cancer. He said: "It's close to my heart, so anything I can do to support Macmillan and Knights, which is holding this coffee morning, then I'm more than happy to do so."

Bernadette Jones from Knights said: "It's fantastic to be able to bring the community together and to help raise money for such a wonderful cause". Knights continues to support Macmillan with a charity book shelf in its lettings office, where anyone can call in to buy or donate second hand books.

Dog killed at Porthkerry

A DOG died after it was allegedly set upon by another dog while walking in Porthkerry country park.

The Yorkshire terrier was out with its owner at around 9pm on Tuesday, October 3.

In a statement, a South Wales Police spokeswoman called on anyone who witnessed the incident to come forward.

She said: "Police in Barry are investigating this incident, which was reported shortly before 9pm on Tuesday, October 3.

"Any witnesses are asked to contact 101 quoting the reference 1700385287."

NEWS IN BRIEF

PACT Meeting BUTTRILLS PACT at the Town Council offices, Gladstone Road, Barry (at the side of the memorial hall) on Thursday, October 26 at 6.30pm.

Penarth Local History Society ON Thursday, October 12 at 7.30pm at All Saints Lesser Hall, Penarth, Chris Riley will be giving a talk on Edward Edwards, the notorious Penarth smuggler.

Edward Edwards is almost a folk hero in Penarth history, 'an infamous, large scale smuggler': but what is the truth about him? Entrance £2.

AM's surgery VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, October 14 from 10am-11am at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street.

No appointment necessary.

Art Central THERE will be a coffee morning at Art Central, Barry Library, on Thursday, October 19 from 10am-12 noon in aid of 'Real Lives Vale People First'.

Entry is £1 to include tea or coffee and biscuits. There will be bargains galore!

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Another Selby, this time Andrew, is heading for world title shot

BARRY boxer
Andrew Selby was victorious in a key flyweight bout on Saturday and now has a shot at the WBC flyweight title.

Andrew (28), younger brother of IBF world champion Lee Selby, beat Mexican Maximino Flores at London's York Hall.

The judges delivered a unanimous decision and he remains unbeaten as a professional after 10 fights.

He is now the WBC's official challenger for the world title held by Japanese boxer Daigo Higa.

Andrew was happy with the performance, but modestly rated the performance 7 out of 10, telling You Tube's 'Behind the Gloves': "I know I could do better. I let him hit me with a

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few shots."

He added that he would be keen to take on Higa before the end of the year, or after he (Andrew) has picked up another title.

"I would take it. I'm not going to say no. If someone said you're fighting in December for that WBC title I'd be more than happy.

"But I'd like to use my brains, get another title...and go for a massive unification fight, maybe in the UK or on a neutral ground like Vegas."

A future bout against Higa hinges on whether the Japanese fighter defends the WBC belt successfully on October 22.



Barry's Andrew Selby.

Travellers on Island



The car park is closed until the travellers leave the car park.

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On Wednesday morning members of the public arrived at the car park only to be turned away.

Signs were erected informing the public of the situation, and for the time being the car park will be closed to the public.

Coun John Thomas, Leader of the Vale Council, said the occupation of council land was completely unacceptable.

"The area was not designed for this purpose and the presence of this group is preventing other law-abiding residents from using it.

"We are taking this matter extremely seriously and are doing everything possible to ensure it can be resolved as quickly as possible."

The office of local MP Alun Cairns received complaints from Island residents about loud shouts and offensive language being used overnight on Tuesday to Wednesday.

Mr Cairns said: "It is unacceptable that the residents and business owners be subjected to the offensive and reprehensible behaviour displayed by these travellers who have illegally taken up residence in Nell's Point Car Park."

"The local authority will have learned lessons from the last time that this happened, and I am working closely with the leader of the council to ensure that these travellers are removed from the car park immediately."

'A significant step' for Dinas Powys bypass

by GEM REPORTER
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DINAS Powys Bypass Steering Group (DPBSG) has told The GEM that it believes there has been another significant step in the campaign for a local bypass.

For many years, local residents have been frustrated by the constant congestion and traffic delays in the village.

A Vale Cabinet meeting on Monday, October 9, recommended that four transport options should go forward for consideration.

The options are: a bypass; a multimodal solution; a bypass with multimodal features; and leaving things as they are.

The Vale meeting also confirmed that a new review group should include a representative appointed by Dinas Powys Community

considerably.

'Multimodal' is a focus on improving public transport links (buses and trains) alongside other travel options such as cycling and walking.

Rod Harrod, chair of DPBSG, told The GEM: "My committee members will be overjoyed at this news. This really moves plans for the long-awaited by-pass forward

"Without the option of the multimodal with the bypass, the 'Stage 2' study could easily have resulted in the multimodal option scoring more points, even though it can't work without removing traffic from the Cardiff Road.

"This really is good news for everyone who recognises the only solution is a bypass."

Mr Harrod added: "We shall be proposing our technical expert, Roger Pattenden, a civil engineer, is appointed to represent the community on the new review group.

"He really is the only person not only with the experience and ability but also a thorough knowledge of the situation."

Traffic congestion has been a hot topic in Dinas Powys for many years.



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New school

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The school will be run on the present split-site for the foreseeable future, with the old infant section renamed the 'foundation site' and the old junior renamed 'key stage 2 site'.

The newly-appointed headteacher, Mrs K P Giernalczyk, said: "I would like to thank all those involved in the amalgamation process, which has been very smooth with minimal disruption on the sites. The education of all the children is a joint venture involving children, staff,

governors, parents, the parish and local community.

"We will build on the success of both schools in continuing our proud history of Catholic education in Barry. Together we will establish an outstanding school at the heart of the community that we are all extremely proud of."

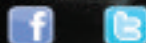
The school celebrated the amalgamation with a Mass held at the Memorial Hall, celebrated by Archbishop George Stack and Canon Pat O'Gorman of St Helen's Catholic Church in Barry.

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Barry students' triple success in Cowbridge art group awards



LEFT: First and second prizewinners Angela Fisher and Connor Huxter of Barry, with their certificates and artwork.

BARRY students at Cardiff and Vale College have won first, second and third prizes in the Cowbridge Art Group Annual Student Awards.

The winner was Angela Fisher, who was awarded the prize certificate and £100 for her hard-hitting graphic design poster campaign

raising awareness of domestic abuse and its consequences.

The posters involved a carefully-arranged photoshoot and development of the images using Photoshop.

Angela has successfully completed her foundation degree in graphic communication at CAVC and has now progressed on to Cardiff Metropolitan University

for a final year to top up to a full BA (Hons) qualification.

Second prize went to fellow foundation degree in graphic communication student, Connor Huxter; and third was foundation degree in contemporary textiles practices learner, Lauren Berg; all three winners are from Barry.

The prizes were awarded after the college exhibition, 'Art is like a box of chocolates', was held at the Old Hall Gallery in Cowbridge.

CAVC art and design lecturer Adrian Metcalfe said: "The judging panel stressed the difficulty in making the decision due to the high quality of all of the work on display."

"They felt all the students were worthy of commendation and that the show demonstrated the high level of ability across Cardiff and Vale College art and design courses."

"Particularly impressive was the professionalism of the learners in presenting their work and the range of subjects they examined. The judges said the exhibition represented the quality of the courses offered at Cardiff and Vale College and the strength of the teaching team."



Lee Selby helped raise funds for the club.

'Big Recycle Event' organisers offer thanks to Lee Selby

THE Big Recycle event took place at the Vale Parent/Child Homework Support Club during the summer, supported by Lovells and Vale Homes.

The club raised more than £3,000 with the help of Lee Selby, world champion boxer.

The team at the club would like to thank businesses and the community for their support.

The club recently

celebrated its fifth birthday during the family fun day, celebrated youth awards this year, won a 'national inspire award' and the regional 'Gail Hughes award for Community Learning'.

The club has had a busy summer, working

closely with the Vale Youth Service and Annette Harrison to get 30 children through the young sports leader award. Members also went on a trip to Folly Farm, supported by Tarmac.

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Councillors' surgery
COUNCILLORS Geoff Cox, Hunter Jarvie and Andrew Parker, Cowbridge Ward members on the Vale of Glamorgan Council, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, October 14 from 11am-12.30pm in the Robing Room of Cowbridge Town Hall (west door entrance).

Appointments are not necessary.

Can you help provide innovative activities for families in the Vale?

THE Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities team would like to trial new family activities in the rural Vale.

This may include any activity that school age children do such as cooking, sports, music and drama and arts and crafts.

CRC would like to hear from activity providers who would be interested in providing these types of activities in your local community.

Coun Jonathan Bird, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning, said: "We have listened to feedback from residents at various community engagement events."

"Parents have said there are not enough activities for school age children in rural

communities. Where there were activities, parents were at a loss of what to do in that hour during their children's activities."

"We want to work with activity providers to extend their existing offer to provide activities with parents and school aged children together or side by side."

The activities will take place in four communities in the rural Vale - St Athan, Wenvoe, Rhoose and Ystradowen, where the needs for more services were identified during the 'community mapping' project.

A spokesperson said: "This is a different approach to delivering children's activities. Families will be able to spend 'quality time' together away from all demands of home life, or parents will be able to some quality 'me' time while their kids are doing their own activities."

This project has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities, Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, the Welsh Government and the Vale Council.

This will be an opportunity for activity providers to test a new way of delivering a service at no risk to themselves.

The team will provide full support to activity providers, to ensure their new activities are a success.

If you would like to get involved, contact with the CRC team to discuss your thoughts by calling 01446 704226 or by emailing create@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

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Activity providers needed!

Do you want to help pilot new activities for parents and school aged children together or side by side?

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Beating the drum for Wales at the Party conference

THIS week, I returned to Parliament following the recess where MPs attended their respective party conferences.

I joined with delegates and members of the Conservative Party in Manchester this year where I beat the drum for Wales and shared my vision for both Wales and the Vale of Glamorgan.

One of the primary topics of discussion at the conference this year was the importance of the union of the United Kingdom as we exit the European Union. This precious union of four culturally proud nations allows us to share in each other's success and ultimately grasp the best opportunities in a post-Brexit Britain.

While our populations may differ in size, we all bring something to the table in which we can all share and benefit.

The scrapping of the Severn Bridge tolls will undeniably demonstrate this, as the connecting of three major cities – Cardiff, Newport and Bristol – will not only boost the Welsh



**Vale MP
Alun Cairns
reports to
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economy immediately by £100 million a year, but also create a new powerhouse on the western side of the United Kingdom that will empower the Vale, as well as numerous other communities throughout Wales.

Wales has the fastest growing economy in the UK outside London since 2010 – a fact that has proved attractive to investors, especially in recent months, as two

landmark investments have been secured; firstly by Aston Martin in St Athan, and secondly by Qatar Airways that now flies on a daily basis out of Cardiff Airport, thus connecting Wales with the world like never before.

Ahead of Qatar Airways' pivotal announcement, I visited key investors in Qatar to promote Wales and the UK and portray how our fundamentally integrated economies create the ideal conditions for investment. It could not be overstated how our open and outward looking economy is internationally recognised to be one of the most successful in the western world.

With this in mind, we in Wales, as part of a prosperous United Kingdom, are in a strong position to make the most of the opportunities which are ahead of us.

It is understandable that some people may be nervous of our country's future as we transition out of the European Union.

To those people I say, that the might of our four nations combined gives us an undeniable presence on the world stage and together we will thrive.

Gideon Bibles presented to Vale mayors in annual ceremony

THE Mayor of the Vale, Coun Janice Charles, along with The High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Gilbert Lloyd, and the town mayors from Penarth, Llantwit Major, Cowbridge and Barry, were recently presented with Gideon Bibles from Gideon's International Minister, Graham Ellis.

Mr Ellis said: "I am delighted to be able to continue the tradition of attending the Mayor's Parlour to present Bibles and talk about the work of Gideon's International, and would like to thank the mayor for the invitation."



From left: Mayor of the Vale, Coun Janice Charles; Graham Ellis; and High Sheriff Gilbert Lloyd.

AM WELCOMES 'FALL IN HOMOPHOBIC BULLYING'

JANE HUTT has welcomed a drop in the number of school pupils being bullied because of their sexual orientation.

Facing questions at the National Assembly, the Leader of the House and Vale AM said the finding had been published in the latest school report from Stonewall Cymru.

She said: "It is encouraging to note that the report shows that the number of lesbian, gay and bisexual pupils bullied because of their sexual orientation has fallen by almost a third."

"We recognise there's much more we have to do to prevent the potentially long-term educational and emotional damage that bullying can cause."

Ms Hutt said Education Secretary Kirsty Williams expects schools to adopt a zero-tolerance approach to all forms of bullying, including homophobic, biphobic or transphobic bullying.

REPORT BY MICHAEL PROSSER

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SOUTH Wales support local Police has announced its support for a campaign launched last week by all police forces in England and Wales to encourage more people to donate their time and expertise as volunteers to

Policing' website has also been created to highlight the many different roles available and make it easier than ever for people to apply.

Volunteers are playing an increasingly important role alongside their uniformed colleagues within local policing. There are currently more than 38,000 people working in over 200 different volunteering roles across the 43 forces.

In 2016, it is estimated volunteers across England and Wales donated more than five million hours, with constabularies in Staffordshire, Devon and Cornwall logging the most volunteer hours.

Assistant Chief Constable Jeremy Vaughan, South Wales Police Lead for volunteers, said: "Since 1831, volunteers have taken many of the same risks as full-time police officers, for no reward other than the satisfaction of playing

their part in keeping their communities safe from crime.

"Policing is too important to be left to the police alone; crime reduction and community safety is a shared responsibility for us all – it has to be a community wide effort, and our volunteers make a huge difference to people's lives in the areas we live and work."

"We are pleased to support this campaign and welcome all members of our communities to apply to volunteer with us in all aspects of policing and community effort."

All volunteers who sign up are given extensive training in order to prepare them for the role they are fulfilling. For roles such as Special Constable, volunteers are given training over five months, working closely with colleagues in their local force before they start carrying out the role.

HISTORY SOCIETY

THE next meeting of the Bridgend branch of the Glamorgan Family History Society will meet on Monday, October 16 at the Len Evans centre Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig, CF32 9 RF.

The speaker will be Dean Powell, on the subject of 'The Life of Dr William Price, Wales's first Radical.' Doors open at 7pm; everyone welcome.

Sharon bags free tickets at airline celebration



Sharon was given a pair of free return tickets to Malaga or Alicante.

LOW - COST Spanish airline Vueling surprised its 600,000th passenger, Sharon Clain Mahoney from Bridgend, with a pair of free return tickets to either Malaga or Alicante, the gateway to the Costa del Sol and Costa Blanca regions.

The prize was awarded during a celebration at the gate before boarding a scheduled flight to

Palma, Mallorca.

Passengers at the gate also enjoyed individually iced birthday cupcakes, Vueling gifts and had their pictures taken with an Instagram frame to commemorate the airline's five-year service to people in Wales.

Since operating its first flight from Cardiff in spring 2012, Vueling has increased capacity at the airport by 300 per cent over a five-year period, providing more than 190,000 seats for passengers flying to or from Cardiff last summer.

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Rachel dances all the way to Geneva

RACHEL BROOKS-BENT (18), from St Mary Hill, has trained at the Moya Vahey School of Russian Classical Ballet, based in Bijou, Cowbridge, since she was a little girl.



Rachel has now joined the Area Dance Academy in Geneva, Switzerland, where she will continue her training to a professional level.

Rachel passed all the Legat Foundation of Russian Classical Ballet examinations with distinction, and also won two bronze medals at the Dance World Cup.

Moya Vahey said: "We are very proud of her achievements and wish her good luck for the future."

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CARDIFF and Vale College held a graduation ceremony for its growing number of higher education students.

Around 200 graduates, friends and family came to the ceremony at the college's city centre campus to see the graduates don their gowns and mortarboards for the ceremony. They received their certificates from college principal Kay Martin, and vice-principals Emil Evans and Sharon James.

A spokesperson said: "The college's university level higher-education provision continues to grow. "Over the last couple of years, it has more than doubled the number of higher education courses it offers and the college has a success rate of 90.4 per cent for students on university level courses, 11.4 per cent above the national comparator."

The college works in partnership with a number of universities in Wales and England to offer HE qualifications, including the University of South Wales, Cardiff Metropolitan University, the University of West London and Kingston University, giving people the opportunity to gain university-level education without the cost of leaving home.

One such successful graduate is 22-year-old Lewis Richmond from Barry, who graduated from his foundation degree in Aircraft Engineering with a first. The course is offered in partnership with Kingston University and Lewis is going on to his third year to top up to a full BSc.

"I found the course to be enjoyable and engaging and difficult all, at the same time," Lewis said. "The facilities are excellent; you have a BAe Jetstream for practical experience

and two flight simulators that you can use and they are very interesting.

"I'm really happy to have graduated – it's a big moment. I have completed the course with a first so I'm very happy with the result.

Emma Toogood, (24) and also from Barry, graduated from her foundation degree in Childhood Studies, which the college runs in partnership with the University of south Wales.

"I'm overwhelmed and really proud," Emma said. "It's a big achievement. I've loved my time at the college – I had a baby half way through the first year so it was quite a challenge and I had to work hard to make sure I was keeping up.

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'Walk a mile in her shoes'

MEN throughout the area are being invited to 'walk a mile in her shoes' at Cardiff's city centre later this month.

Supported by the Vale Council, a mile long walk in women's shoes will take place as part of the White Ribbon Campaign UK – a global movement to put a stop to male violence against women and girls.

The event will begin

in Cardiff Castle on Friday, October 20 at 10am, and the team are asking for donation of shoes, preferably size 8 and above.

It was first held when 14 male employees at Cadwyn Housing Association walked along Newport Road in high heels, while carrying banners in support of ending domestic abuse.

"The Vale Council is proud to support this unusual but important

event, which is a great way to raise awareness of violence against women. I hope as many people as possible can take part in the walk, and pledge their support for the campaign," said Vale cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, Coun Gordon Kemp.

Men are advised to wear their usual clothing, and shoes are limited, especially sizes 10 and above. Shoes will be available to borrow on the day for a £2 donation.

In 2016, a report by the CPS stated that 5,641 women were convicted of domestic violence (6.1 per cent of all convictions) in 2015.

The last date for shoe donations is 5pm on Wednesday, October 18. Drop-off points include: any of the 12 Cardiff Council Hubs – for full addresses, contact: Cardiff Council, Wilcox House, Dunleavy Drive, CF11 0BA; County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, CF10 4UW; or Cadwyn Head office, 197 Newport Road, Cardiff, CF24 1AJ.

For more information, contact Julie Grady, domestic and sexual abuse co-ordinator for the Vale, on 01446 731699; or email Julie.Grady2@south-wales.pnn.police.uk.

To sign up to the event, visit the website.



GEM reader Nesta Preece's son, Chris, grew this huge sunflower, which Nesta says puts hers to shame! Sunflower season is still upon us, and The GEM still loves to receive your sunflower photographs. Please send to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk.

Bro Radio launches new campaign to promote local music

BRO RADIO, the community radio station for the Vale, has launched a new initiative which aims to promote local music in the county in partnership with Major Music, a project which works with young people to provide musical opportunities.

The station's 'Artist of the Week' feature aims to give unsigned and independent artists a platform to promote their music to listeners across the Vale.

Each week a chosen band or artist will have their track played 14 times on air, as well as being invited into the studios to perform live on Bro Radio breakfast. The feature launched on October 9, with Back To November band member Joel Avariant being chosen as the station's first 'Artist of the Week.'

Joel was previously part of the Forte Project, a development scheme uncovering and

supporting the next bright young things in music emerging from south Wales. His first release, entitled 'Someone I Don't Know' is available to stream on Spotify and available on iTunes from November 1.

Interim operations manager, Nathan Spackman said: "Artist of the Week is a new initiative that aims to give local bands and artists a platform to share the music they're writing and recording in the area."

"Joel is a well-known local artist and it's great to be able to kick off the feature with his brilliant debut single."

Joel Avariant, said: "As an artist living and working in Barry, it's great to be given an opportunity to get my music played on my local radio station. I'd urge any other bands and artists in the area to send their music to the station to get on air!"

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This autumn sees Sean embark on a 30-date European tour. 'Superbly tailored songs' (Four stars) Daily Mirror, 'Articulate, compelling ... brilliant' (Four stars) Mojo Magazine are some of the reviews.

Sean said: "I felt a freedom and confidence in writing the original songs, and in the making of this recording and that's exciting."

The new album was recorded in Austin, Texas, by ace producer Mark Hallman, known for his work with Carole King, Stevie Ray Vaughn, and many others.

The UK leg of the tour is in September and October. On the tour, Sean will be playing a mix of solo shows and also some with his regular touring trio.

The concert is on Saturday, October 21, St Donat's Arts Centre, at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 from 01446 799100 or www.stdonats.com/events/sean-taylor-in-concert/



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Villeneuve's Blade Runner sequel is epic, intelligent and breathtaking...

SEQUELS are always a risky prospect, but sequels made many years after the original tend to fare badly; not that that has stopped Denis Villeneuve.

The thus-far imperious director has taken on the not-inconsiderable task of following up Ridley Scott's 1982 masterpiece *Blade Runner*, with *Blade Runner 2049* taking place nearly 30 years after the events of the first film.

Ryan Gosling plays K, a blade runner for the Los Angeles Police Department, who indirectly discovers a secret that could plunge society into chaos. This discovery results in K having to track down Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford), a former blade runner who has been missing for 30 years...

It is often mooted that *Blade Runner* is one of the most influential pieces of cinema, such is its impact on filmmakers, its echoes found in films as obvious as *The Matrix* and *Minority Report*, and less obviously in films like *Batman Begins* (Christopher Nolan having screened the film for cast and crew prior to production).

So the weight on all involved in *Blade Runner 2049* is a not inconsiderable one; yet the result is a moody, atmospheric piece of

work that can quite easily lay claim to being one of the finest films of the year so far, and also confirms Denis Villeneuve to be perhaps the finest director currently working in cinema.

Ridley Scott's original established a visual template, a brooding neon haze that swirls and oppresses, and while Villeneuve's film is set nearly 30 years later, the landscape hasn't altered one bit; and while Villeneuve shows fidelity to the universe created by Scott, he isn't bound by it.

His films have always been a balance of the intimate and the expansive, and that remains true here, the glorious cityscapes given epic scale, yet anchored to a story about identity, and the omnipresence and power of artificial intelligence.

It's thoroughly impressive how Villeneuve is capable of melding his and Scott's visions into one cohesive and dramatic whole, yet also developing the world. Whether it's the kitsch hotel in which one character is holed up, encircled by huge models, backlit by burnt yellows, or the expansive, technology-led streets, the grit hiding behind, Villeneuve makes the film a visual smorgasbord, each shot lensed with care and a keen eye.

The story follows the first film in the

sense that it's a hard-boiled detective story at its core, but with the weight of its progenitor constantly in the background and with a running time of 163 minutes, it luxuriates in the narrative, not in a rush to reveal its mysteries.

Instead, the film hones in on the quiet moments, whether it's Ryan Gosling's K attempting to live a normal life, complete with artificial girlfriend (a gorgeous scene in the rain thrives on the lack of dialogue) or the reclusive Wallace (Jared Leto) in his glorious, opulent building reflecting on the advancements made in replicants, and the risks and successes therein.

The cast are superb, Gosling exuding the weary charm of man beaten down by the world around him and whose beliefs, and indeed very nature,



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cause him to question what's going on. It's a measured performance from the actor, full of small, but powerful, moments that showcase his immeasurable talent.

Harrison Ford's presence could have so easily been a nostalgia kick, superfluous to proceedings but designed to hook you

in, yet not only is his involvement in the story smartly executed, Ford also delivers a strong turn, Deckard a man hiding from the world and burned by events that have conspired to put him there. Ford's turn is beautifully fragile, a man (or is he?) caught up in events.

If Jared Leto's Wallace is contained to only two scenes of note (and his actions are more expositional than out-and-out evil), the villain of the piece comes in Sylvia Hoek's Luv, a replicant who will stop at nothing to get what Wallace desires and who is a constant thorn in the side of K, while Ana de Armas' Joi, K's virtual reality girlfriend, brings humanity in spades in a lovely little turn.

To match an original film takes some doing - to surpass it even more; but

arguably *Blade Runner 2049* is a more nuanced, grander (both in scale and emotion) piece of filmmaking.

To see a film as visually bold and ambitious, backed up by a story that contains both smarts and humanity is a joyous thing indeed; this is top-drawer filmmaking of the highest order.

VERDICT: A compelling, visually jaw-dropping and captivating film, *Blade Runner 2049* is yet another exceptional film from Denis Villeneuve. Echoing the footsteps left by Ridley Scott's original, but imprinting his own stamp on it, coupled with strong performances, Villeneuve has created a truly mesmerising piece of work.

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Alas, as the walk continued, the fine drizzle started and as the day went on, the rain gradually increased and

the muck descended, spoiling the views which are usually spectacular.

The walk description stated that there would be lots of mud, stiles, and climbing over gates – it was accurate, but everyone was in high spirits. Typically, as the group neared the reservoir, the weather had started to clear.

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Penarth Masonic Hall celebrates 90th anniversary on October 14



The foundation stone was laid by Colonel Sir Charles Venables Llewelyn.

ON Saturday, Penarth Masonic Hall celebrates its 90th anniversary and Freemasons will hold a special dinner to commemorate their forefathers' foresight, exactly 90 years to the day.

October 14, 1927 was the date that the foundation stone was laid for the building of Penarth Masonic Hall by Colonel Sir Charles L D Venables Llewelyn, in a public ceremony attended by hundreds of people.

The foundation stone can be seen inside Penarth Masonic Temple in the north-east corner.

As well as Sir Charles' association with the hall through the foundation stone and the remarkable picture of that event, he also donated a chair which bears his name.

Sir Charles Venables Llewelyn was the Provincial Grand Master of South Wales Eastern Division from 1913 to 1938. Penarth Masonic Hall was one of two that he laid that foundation stone for during his tenure, the other being Maesteg in 1924.

He was also responsible for consecrating 30 lodges throughout south Wales, although he was unable to be present at many due to his war



Crowds gathered for the arrival of the foundation stone in 1927.

service. He was able to preside, however, at Rhondda Lodge in Pontypridd, and Vale of Glamorgan Lodge in Barry, both in 1919.

Windsor Lodge was founded in 1878 and sought new premises because its then home in Station Approach, Penarth (now Penarth British Legion) struggled to seat 250 members.

Penarth Masonic Hall was built on playing fields at Stanwell Road, once used by Penarth Athletic Club. This was to accommodate the growth in Freemasonry due to the expansion of Cardiff and Penarth Docks.

The first sod was cut in 1927 by 87-year-old Frederick George (Daddy) Hodges. The Grand Temple, which was open to the public recently as part of Cadw's Open Heritage Events, has a magnificent domed ceiling decorated with stars

and planets representing the Northern Heavens in September.

It was designed by Dan Jones, FRAS, and built by Tucker Bros, Broadway, Roath, Cardiff, at a final cost of £10,500. The hall was opened to coincide with the 50th Anniversary Jubilee of Windsor Lodge.

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Rogue Barry builder is jailed

THE Vale Council has successfully prosecuted rogue builder Ian Cottle for a string of trading standards offences after an investigation by Shared Regulatory Services, the body responsible for delivering that provision across the Vale, Cardiff and Bridgend.

Mr Cottle from Barry was sentenced to 22 months in prison at Cardiff Crown Court after pleading guilty to 14 counts under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.

They related to offences committed against eight parties in the Vale and included misleading people into giving him money for materials he did not purchase, failing to give cancellation rights to customers and starting some work without permission.

Jobs were contracted out to others who performed substandard work and one premises was even left in a dangerous condition due to shoddy workmanship.

Mr Cottle sent aggressive texts to customers, with Judge Neil Bidder describing some of them as threatening and close to blackmail.

The people he employed were so incompetent that one had to borrow a customer's paintbrush and hammer.

Judge Bidder told Mr Cottle he will serve half of his sentence in prison before being released on licence and would return to

prison should he breach that licence.

He was ordered to pay around £2,000 in victim compensation and £2,000 in prosecution costs. A victim surcharge of £140 was also imposed and he was banned from being a director of a company for five years.

A Vale Council spokesperson said: "Despite being advised previously by Trading Standards, the defendant's appalling work left customers counting the cost. I hope this prosecution sends out a clear message that trading practices of this sort will not be tolerated."

"I would echo the judge's advice to obtain clear written quotations when having building work done. People should also be aware that the law allows a person to cancel contracts made at their home."

"I would also urge residents to take time and care when choosing traders to work in their homes."

"Ideally look for someone who is a member of a relevant trade association or responsible trader scheme; and always ask to see examples of other work they have carried out."

Anyone with concerns about rogue traders or seeking advice on finding reputable tradespeople, should contact Citizens Advice on 03454 04 05 06 (for Welsh language 03454 040505) or go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Welsh Government defends T9 'ghost bus' service after councillor's call to scrap it

A BARRY councillor says he wants to see the T9 Airport Express Service, which is subsidised by the Welsh Government, scrapped in favour of transport provisions elsewhere.

Coun Vincent Bailey claims that the costs of the T9 are rising and the money would be better invested in local bus services.

The current one-way fare from Cardiff to the airport (or the other way) is £5 and a return fare is £10.

The T9 service is a contentious one. In the past some people in the Vale complained that the service was unjustified because of a lack of use.

But the Welsh Government says a bus link between the airport and the capital is vital, and recently highlighted a significant increase in passenger numbers.

The period between March and August this year saw over 86,000 people use the service, up 15 per cent on the same period last year.

Ken Skates, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure Secretary, described the latest figures as "hugely encouraging".

The Welsh Government recently launched a pilot for free weekend travel on all TrawsCymru services, which includes the T9. Coun Bailey argues that could see the cost of the subsidy increasing significantly.

Coun Bailey said he had looked at official Welsh Government data and believed the service could be end up costing more than three-quarters of a million pounds a year because the government no longer recoups revenue from weekend fares.

He said: "The amount of money spent on the T9 is already scandalous, but the bill has just got even bigger because they won't recoup a single penny from tourists and travellers using it over weekends."

"Coun Rowlands and I have long called for the T9 to be scrapped, with the money spent on local bus services throughout Wales."

"Barry residents deserve a better

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transport service and having fought to stop cuts to local routes, I can understand local anger at seeing this empty bus rolling along Port Road every 20 minutes or so.

"We all want to see a thriving airport, but the ghost bus is a poke in the eye for local residents

who don't have the luxury of a regular bus service."

Mr Skates said further developments at the airport meant use of the T9 was only going to increase.

"Cardiff Airport is one of the fastest growing airports in the UK and continues to go from strength to strength."

"I've been clear that a reliable, frequent bus service linking the airport to Cardiff and beyond is key, never more so as the airport moves into the exciting next stage of its development."

"Alongside the airport's increased stature, destinations and possibilities, these T9

passenger figures (March to August 2017) are hugely encouraging and demonstrate the growing appetite for regular public transport between Cardiff Airport and the capital.

"Over half a million passengers have now used the service since it was introduced in July 2013 and I look forward to the T9 continuing to form part of Wales' offering, building on these positive trends and facilitating further travel to and from Wales for thousands more over the coming months and years," Mr Skates added.

The true cost of the service will be revealed at the end of the financial year.

Family fun at the Memo

TUESDAY, October 31 at the Memo Arts Centre will be a day of spooky cinema treats – and Hallowe'en fancy dress is encouraged.

Little ghouls and witches can watch *Hotel Transylvania 2* (U) at 11am and *Hocus Pocus* (PG) at 2pm.

More family friendly films include *The Jungle Bunch* (U) and *The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature* (U) - all family friendly film – tickets are just £3 in advance.

On Thursday, November 2, we have the perfect music treat for budding pop stars aged four and above, in a fabulous fun-packed tribute show – *Pop Divas Live!* which features tributes to Little Mix, Taylor Swift, Arianna Grande and more.

Full listings, further information and all tickets are available from www.memoartscentre.co.uk. Call the venue box office on 01446 738622 for further details and tickets, or tickets are available online at www.memoartscentre.co.uk.



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Vale strongman sets Welsh record

STRONGMAN Nathan Szuchnik, who lives in Rhose, has set a new Welsh lifting record in Bredgend.

Mr Szuchnik, aged 31, recently featured in The GEM, along with his partner Natalie, as officially 'Wales' strongest couple.

Mr Szuchnik said: "I set the new Welsh record at a competition in the K2 Gym in Brackla. I was attempting to break the Welsh record on axle press for an under-105kg lifter.

"It means I had to be weighed before the competition started to make sure I wasn't over weight. I weighed in at 104kg.

"The previous record was 140kg. The rules allow you three attempts.

"My first attempt was at 135kg. I was confident I would get this and chose that weight to get my confidence up and get the crowd involved. I stepped up to the bar and the lift was easy.

"My second attempt was 142kg. That would break the current record by 2kg. I lifted that easily as well.

"My third and final attempt was 145kg. It was successful and broke the new record I had set

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Nathan sets the new Welsh record at 145kg.

moments earlier."

Mr Szuchnik said that he was delighted to hit such good form because he had only been back in training for a few weeks.

"I was happy with what I achieved because I've had a back injury. "There was also a loss

of feeling in my left foot and down the outside of my left leg. Regular treatment with an osteopath included acupuncture.

"I had only been back training for three weeks when I went for the record."

10K race is planned around Barry Island

THE Vale Council has agreed to stage a 10k road race around Barry Island next summer in a move that could be worth around £1 million to the local economy.

Organised in partnership with Run 4 Wales, the group behind the hugely successful Cardiff Half Marathon, the event is set to take place in early August.

Though yet to be finalised, the proposed route would see around 3,000 runners start out from Friars Road before travelling along Harbour Road, down the Parade, around the old Knap Lido and past the lake.

Moving through Romilly Park, competitors then head onto Broad Street, turn right onto Subway Road and emerge onto Millennium Way.

After making their way around the waterfront and past Asda, the race continues down Paget Road before finishing where it started.

The race should be

held mid-morning, while road closures would be limited to just two hours, minimising disruption to local residents

It would form part of a 10k race series around south Wales and be part of the council's hugely popular Barry Island Weekenders series that also includes the Isle of Fire and Outdoor Cinema events.

Coun Gordon Kemp, Vale Council cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, said: "The council has carried out major regeneration work at Barry Island in recent years to establish the area as a top-quality seaside resort.

"Local residents and businesses will be kept fully updated on race arrangements and every effort will be made to ensure disruption is kept to an absolute minimum."

Run 4 Wales chief executive Matt Newman, said: "We are delighted to be working with the Vale Council to bring a new 10K event to Barry in 2018."

What's on, and where around the Vale?

Cowbridge Choral Society joins forces with a number of other choirs, including Pontypridd Choral Society, for a performance of the *Verdi Requiem* on Saturday, October 21.

The concert, which will be in Llantrisant Leisure Centre, is in aid of Ty Hafan. Tickets are available from Davies Newsagent in Cowbridge, and choir members.

Vale Ukelastic Band ON Thursday, October 26 at 2pm in Bethel Baptist Church, Llantwit Major, the Vale Ukelastic Band will be performing an afternoon of fun songs with tea/coffee.

There will be a voluntary collection for

the Food Bank. **Governance Conference** GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) is hosting the first ever Vale Governance Conference on Wednesday, November 8 from 10.30am to 1pm at the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

Speakers include Sir Stephen Wall, the UK's former Permanent Representative to the European Union and Chair and Trustee of the Kaleidoscope Trust and Dr Mair Rigby, Governance and Safeguarding Manager with Wales Council for Voluntary Action.

Aimed at trustees, management committee members and those who support them, this conference will provide a range of information

from experts and identify sources of support for organisations to stay on the right track.

The cost for attendance is £12 per person including light refreshments. Tickets can be booked online from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gvs-governance-conference-tickets-38072807793> or search for 'GVS conference' on the Eventbrite website (www.eventbrite.co.uk). Closing date for bookings is November 1. Contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) on 01446 741706, email enquiries@gvs.wales, website: www.gvs.wales.

PACT meetings

VALE - meet your local officer at Ewenny Garden Centre on Tuesday, October 24 at 11am.

Foodbank collection points are set to open

IN association with The Trussell Trust, Foodbank collection points will be opening up across a number of buildings in Barry and these are accepting donations from Vale residents to help local people.

Palmerston Adult Education Centre, Barry Library, Barry Community Enterprise Centre and the Flying Start

Office (Skomer Road) have Foodbank collection boxes available for donations, with a range of in-date, non-perishable tinned and instant goods being accepted.

All goods donated to these points will be collected each Thursday and will be delivered to Coastlands Family Church to help local people.

To find out more, contact Mark Ellis on 07826 020707 or email Vale Foodbank on valefoodbank@gmail.com.



VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL SEEKING LAND FOR ECOLOGICAL HABITAT

Vale of Glamorgan Council are seeking land in the Vale to implement a cropping methodology favourable to ground nesting birds from 2017/18 onwards. The land can be from any landowner within an 11 mile radius of the Five Mile Lane road scheme. In total, the Council require approximately 45 acres of land, which can be made up of different land parcels (minimum 5 hectares).

The Council would wish, in brief, to enter into a 10 year agreement with a landowner(s), to restrict activities on arable/pasture land in return for an attractive financial payment.

If this matter is of interest to you and you wish to receive further information, please contact:

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Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2017/00986/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Erection of two storey detached dwelling
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at River Walk, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth: Affecting the Cowbridge

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2017/00991/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Proposed residential development and associated
highway and ancillary works.
Location:/Lleoliad: Land to the South of the A48, Bonvilston
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth: Bonvilston

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2017/01011/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: To the front elevation, existing gable window is to be
replaced with doors in order to use bay window below
as a terrace. Existing dormers are to be refurbished
along with new roof covering to entire roof. Existing
External Walls are to be cleaned down and re-
pointed. The existing roof space is to be converted
complete with new dormer to rear
Flat 3, 4, Marine Parade, Penarth
Location:/Lleoliad: Penarth
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth: Penarth

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhedredig

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2017/00977/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Replacement windows and external doors. Proposed
new rooflight. Proposed repairs to adjacent stone
boundary wall
Location:/Lleoliad: Flanders Barn, Flanders Road, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhedredig: Grade II

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2017/01035/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Permission to replace four wooden casement
windows to the south side of the grade 2 listed
property known as Sunny Bank CF61 1SS, with sham
wooden windows
Location:/Lleoliad: Sunnysbank, High Street, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhedredig: Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhedredig

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2017/00950/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Single storey bedroom and en-suite extension
Location:/Lleoliad: The Walled Garden, Wenvoe
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhedredig: Affecting Former Coach House and Stables at
Wenvoe Castle, Grade II and Former Walled Kitchen
Garden Wall at Wenvoe Castle - W Range, Grade II

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2017/01008/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Redesign of an already approved planning consent
for a new build 4 bed detached property
Location:/Lleoliad: Newfields, Buttrills Road, Barry
Listed Building:/
Adeilad Rhedredig: Affecting College Fields Nursing Home (former
Polytechnic of Wales), Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2016/01501/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Retention and completion of guest accommodation
block
Location:/Lleoliad: Llanerch Vineyard, Hensol

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2017/00967/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Construction of new access track
Location:/Lleoliad: Maes y Ward Farm, Bonvilston

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Billy steps out of the shadows and into the light for a chance at apprenticeship award

A 'chaotic' home life and personal anxieties saw Billy Brown spend most of his teenage years sitting in the corner of the room with his hoodie pulled over his head, speaking to no one.

He rarely attended school, took no exams, and things culminated when he locked himself away in his bedroom for three years with his computer.

However, the 18-year-old from Barry finally overcame his anxieties and enrolled on the Prince's Trust Team Programme run through training provider The People Business-Wales Ltd.

Now Billy has been recognised as one of Wales' star learners by being shortlisted for this year's Apprenticeship Awards Cymru. He will be competing to become Traineeship Learner of the Year (Engagement)



Billy Brown with trainer Rhys Hills at People-Business Wales in Barry.

at the awards ceremony at the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport on October 20.

Thirty apprentices, employers and learning providers involved in the delivery of skills programmes across Wales have been shortlisted.

Billy is still in training at People Business-Wales and attends work placement at Crystal IT full time. Centre manager

Caroline Morris-Hills said: "The change in Billy from when he started the training to now is amazing."

"He has opened so many doors and has confidence and self-worth in heaps."

Billy said: "I'm just a happier person. Training has opened the door to who I am and what I want from life. I know I have a future; I no longer have my hood up."

Mark UN 'Day of Older Persons' by becoming a volunteer

THE contribution made by older people to communities, families and society is invaluable, but it is often under-appreciated and over-looked.

The UN International Day of Older Persons is a celebration of that contribution and took place all over the world on October 1.

One organisation that celebrated UK Older People's Day and the achievements and contributions of older people is Royal Voluntary Service.

Supported by funds raised by players of People's Postcode Lottery, the charity provides support services for older people at home, in hospital and in the community, helping them stay active, independent and able to contribute to society.

Spokeswoman Kathryn Davies said: "We couldn't do this without our 25,000 wonderful volunteers, including the 127 volunteers in Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot and Bridgend. More than half are over the age of 65."

"We're looking for more volunteers to help us support older people, so if you have a few hours to spare or are looking for a way to get more involved in the community, we'd love to hear from you."

"Whether it's driving an older person to a weekly hospital appointment, serving customers in our hospital shops, cafés and trolley services, running

a weekly lunch club or delivering books for our home library service, we have local volunteering opportunities available right now for anyone with a few hours to give."

"We're particularly looking for volunteers for our Positive Steps service that provides one-to-one support for between six weeks and one year to individuals who want to regain their confidence and independence."

"We appreciate that becoming a volunteer is a big decision, but our volunteers tell us that it's one of the best decisions they've ever made."

"Getting out and about, learning new skills, making new friendships and the sense of personal satisfaction from making a positive difference to someone else's life are just some of the benefits volunteers say they experience."

"There are health benefits too. Older people who volunteer are happier, healthier, less likely to be depressed or lonely, and have a better quality of life than those who don't, according to

Professor James Nazroo from Manchester University, author of the *English Longitudinal Study of Ageing*."

Volunteer Eddie Jenkins (62) from Port Talbot, said: "Since retiring from the steelworks two years ago, I decided I wanted to give something back to the community I have lived in all my life. I visit people in their own homes."

"I also take people to hospital appointments, shopping or sometimes just for a coffee. I think the more you give back the better it makes you feel. Volunteering has definitely made me feel a lot more positive about myself and I am enjoying my retirement."

For further information about local volunteering opportunities and for details of local services and activities for older people, contact Royal Voluntary Service on 01639 500623 number, email: swanseantbridgendhub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk or visit www.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/get-help. AS

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Christmas Party Guide



There's still time to arrange that perfect festive get-together...

THE motto 'procrastination is the thief of time' is one that holds good as Christmas approaches.

It is easy to find excuses to put off making arrangements – or to leave it to someone else – but making plans now can pay dividends during the festive season.

Whether that get-together is an office party, or a family evening, or just an excuse for a group of friends to meet up over the Christmas period, getting a grip now and making arrangements can make a big difference.

How often, as Christmas approaches, or as it fades into January, do

we say: "You know, we really should have fixed up something so we could all meet up."

However, because no one grasped the nettle and fixed a date, friends find they each have other commitments, and a potentially great occasion simply doesn't happen.

It's a double shame as here in the Vale there are so many excellent options, catering for any age or taste.

It's a competitive world out there in the hospitality business, and the area is chock full of quality establishments at fair prices.

A quiet restaurant, a homely country pub, a smart bistro or a club or hotel where there are extra in-house facilities –

there's always an option for any group of people – even if that group has different preferences.

Again, if it is going to be a long, long evening, with wine and dancing into the early hours, in this area a hotel or guest house that can offer overnight accommodation is never far away.

When it comes to planning to enjoy time with work colleagues, friends or family, autumn is a time for 'I wonder if we should' – while January is a time for 'I wish we had'.

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Desserts

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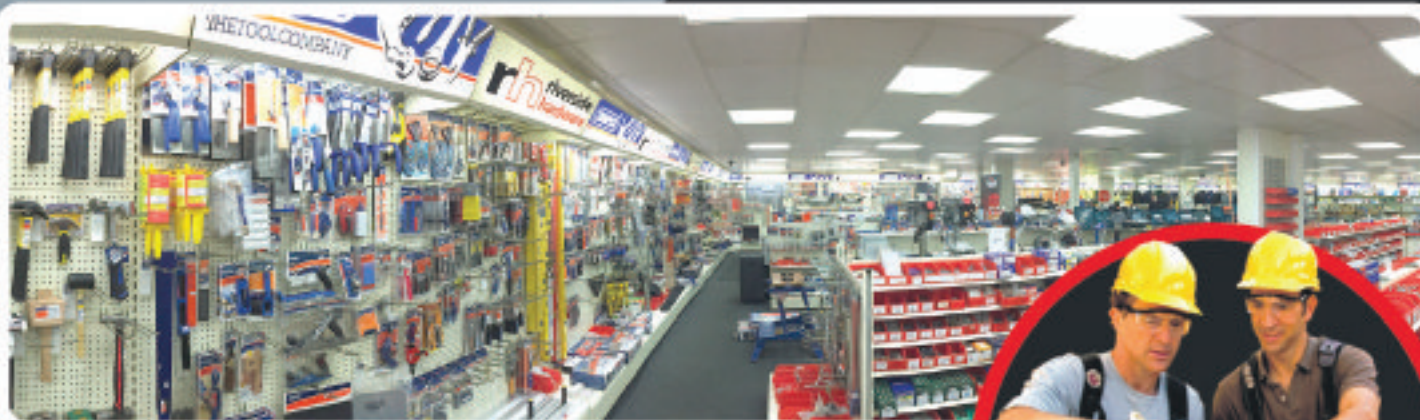
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LOOKING at the Brynmenyn-based business, Door Magic, it is very much a case of 'doing a lot more than it says on the tin'!

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Andrew added: "We can even include all your tiling work to finish off your new look kitchen. Call us for a free no obligation quote or advice."

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Planning your home with Mary Berry

The 82-year-old reveals 10 favourite household tips – by Gabrielle Fagan

Mary Berry – renowned as the Queen of British Baking – has whipped up a recipe for 'home happiness' in her new book, *Mary's Household Tips & Tricks – Your Guide To Happiness In The Home*.

"My focus may have been on cooking, but it's always centred on the home. In my books and TV programmes, I'm always keen on sharing tips to help people," says the cook.

"This book's not about creating more work, or telling people what to do, it's just passing on a collection of tips, things I learnt from my mother, my own ideas gleaned from years of practical experience, as well as helpful hints from friends and family."

"Home should be a place where, if you have a family, they want to visit and can come in and instantly relax," Mary adds.

"We're very lucky – my husband and I have been married 50 years and don't really argue – life's too short. Never let the sun go down on a row is our motto."

"The one thing Paul and I really disagree about is how the house is decorated," she says. "My husband likes the style he grew up, which isn't exactly mine!"

"For example, I've got tie backs on the curtains, but if I go away, he removes all the tie backs and puts them away in the cupboard. Similarly, he'll move cushions he dislikes out of sight. Then gradually I put them all back again. It's a farce really!"

"Our kitchen is a practical, attractive space where everyone tends to congregate – family, friends and our two dogs – and where all the decisions are made," reveals Mary.

"I have collections displayed, from china hens to vintage christening mugs. There are all sorts of easy tricks to making a space more practical."

"For instance, if you have good quality cupboard doors, fixing spice racks to the back of them is very useful. That's the perfect dark place to store them, because light causes spices to fade and lose flavour."

Here are Mary's top tips:

1. Sort it out
My house is tidy but definitely not immaculate! I like to keep on top of things though, so every so often I'll sort out the chaos in my wardrobe and clear out some clothes.

I also clean out kitchen cupboards and drawers every six months – I empty them, use a clean cloth and hot soapy water to wash all surfaces, and dry

thoroughly. I'd suggest lining pan drawers with ridged rubber matting (available from online catering companies)."

2. Iron candle wax off a carpet

If wax has got onto a wool carpet, place kitchen roll or grease proof paper on top of the affected area, then iron it. The wax will melt and stick to the paper. (Take care with synthetic carpets as they don't take well to heat!)

3. Clean your machines

To clean a dishwasher, run a wash with white vinegar. Use around 250ml placed in a container on the bottom rack – just run a normal cycle and it will be like a new machine.

For the washing machine, run an empty cycle to clear the drum, and add a cut lemon to a short empty cycle, to keep the machine fresh.

To pep up your microwave, put a cut lemon in a bowl of water and microwave on full power for one minute – condensation will release stains around the sides and make it easy to wipe clean.

4. Use nuts to help fade furniture scratches

Break an oily nut – such as a walnut – in half, and rub the exposed area over scratches in the wood.

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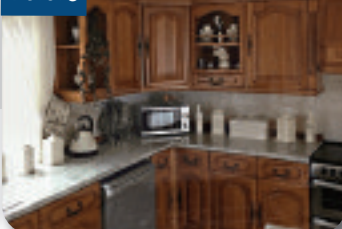
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HOMES & Gardens

Top tips from TV's Mary Berry for a perfect home

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The oil of the nut should help them to fade and appear less noticeable.

5. Steam clean your floors

I use a steam mop to clean my tiled floors and I don't think it's too much to say that it's changed our lives. Steam mops are quick to heat up, can be used on any sealed floor surface, and the reusable micro fibre pad collects dirt with minimum effort," advises Mary.

6. Wear rubber gloves and get stuck in to properly clean a loo

To remove hard water and limescale toilet stains, wear rubber gloves, flush the cistern and remove a mugful of water from the bowl – I use a tin mug – so you can see your limescale rim line clearly.

While the water level is low, pour or spray the limescale cleaner around the limescale in the bowl.



Make sure you get the product around the top and where water drips down the back of the bowl too.

Leave for 30 minutes (or according to the product instructions), then rub with a fine scourer or brush. Pour the water in mug back into bowl, then brush and flush the cistern again.

7. Use onions to rid paint smells

If you have newly-painted walls,

counteract the smell by cutting two onions into quarters and leaving them cut up on a plate overnight. Yes, in the same room.

8. Protect the floor when you're partying

Protect carpet if you're having a party by using rolls of polythene film, used by builders to protect flooring. Make sure you buy the appropriate film for the floor surface – the one for carpet shouldn't be used on

hard flooring.

9. Keep flowers looking and smelling amazing

When putting cut flowers in a vase, remove any leaves which come below the water, otherwise they'll make it turn green and smell. To clean irregularly shaped vases or containers, use a handful of rice and a good glug of white vinegar. Swirl around briskly, so the rice can clean corners, before rinsing and drying. Don't eat the rice.

10. Clean windows the old-school way

A half and half mixture of vinegar and water is a traditional window-cleaning solution and an alternative to chemical sprays. Alternatively, use a window/glass-cleaning spray and a micro fibre cloth, which won't leave bits of lint on the surface.

Mary's Household Tips & Tricks by Mary Berry, is published by Michael Joseph, £20.00.

THE POTTED GARDEN COLUMN – BY SARA MILNE Banish the blues with brilliant bulbs can brighten your home

GROWING bulbs in containers to enjoy in the home at Christmas is one of the seasonal traditions that a lot of gardeners really enjoy, but it does take a little bit of planning.

For bulbs to be in flower for Christmas, you need to plant them in pots now – and two favourites are the Amaryllis and Paperwhite.

Hippeastrum, commonly known as Amaryllis, have large flowers and are easy to grow, which makes them a popular choice for novice gardeners. They are tender plants so are best grown indoors and generally flower within six to 10 weeks of being planted.

They come in a variety of colours – red, white, pink, salmon and orange – and there are many striped and multicoloured varieties, usually combining shades of pink or red with white.

You should grow amaryllis



in a pot only slightly bigger than the bulb itself. Use multipurpose compost and plant the bulb so that about a third remains above the compost surface.

Water the compost lightly and place in a warm, bright and draught-free position.

As the amaryllis bulb starts to grow, keep the compost moist but don't let it sit in water. It's a good idea to turn the pot regularly, which will prevent the flower stem bending towards the light.

As soon as the flowers start to open, move your amaryllis plant to a cooler position to prolong its flowering period.

Paperwhites are pretty,

sweet-smelling, small flowered daffodils that produce an avalanche of pure white, paper thin flowers.

More at home in the Mediterranean region, they have become a fragrant addition to the home in the UK.

To grow Narcissus

'PaperWhite' make sure you buy bulbs sold for growing as pot plants indoors.

Use any good multi-purpose compost or bulb fibre and plant several bulbs in each pot, packed closely together, with their tips just below the surface of the compost. Water well, but be careful not to over-water.

Place in a cool place for around eight weeks, check regularly to see if the soil has dried out, before watering.

At the beginning of December, bring the pot into a warm position – such as a sunny windowsill – for the best flowering.

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Opera aims to restore Dyffryn fountain pool



ON October 21, Opera singers will come together to put on a one-night only production in aid of the restoration of Dyffryn House's majestic fountain pool (pictured above).

The musicians, young professionals who all perform regularly in Wales are giving their skills for free to help fundraise for the restoration of their Fountain Pool on the Great Lawn.

The magnificent mansion house, listed at grade II* status, is the partially-restored former home of the Cory family, who filled their home with music, something reflected in Dyffryn's recent programme of events.

In addition to this, the opera, *Dido and Aeneas*, holds a special place in the Trust's historical archives. An important early manuscript is preserved at Tatton Park, a neo-classical mansion run by the National Trust, in Cheshire.

For this one-off performance, the calibre of performers is incredibly high, made up of hand-picked individuals who have performed and studied at professional level.

Tickets are £15 each and include a glass of bubbly and sweet treats at the interval. All proceeds from ticket sales will go directly towards Fountain Pool fundraising. The performance takes place in the stunning venue of the Great Hall of Dyffryn House on Saturday, October 21 at 7.30pm.

To book tickets, telephone: 02920 590813.

Marie Curie's charity antiques roadshow comes to Howell's

ANTIQUES experts and schoolchildren are joining forces to promote a valuation day of collectors' items, heirlooms, hidden treasures, curios, and objet d'art in aid of Marie Curie.

Television personalities Tom Keane, Eric Knowles and Paul Hayes will be in Cardiff this weekend at a valuation event in aid of the charity, which cares for people living with a terminal illness, and their families.

Well known for their appearances on programmes such as *The Antiques Road Show* and *Cash in the Attic*, the trio will value prized possessions in return for a donation to the charity on Sunday, October 15.

Held in the Great Hall of Howell's School, Llandaff, the experts will be on hand from 11am until 4pm.

The event has been organised by the Marie Curie Penarth Hospice Development Board and Howell's School Llandaff, which recently raised £6,660 to pay for a day's care at the

hospice as part of the charity's 'Pay for a Day' campaign.

Principal of Howell's School Llandaff, Sally Davies, said that the school's fundraising effort had been a huge success following a launch earlier this year.

"From the three-year-olds in our nursery to our upper sixth students and staff, the whole school was involved in raising money for Marie Curie, which is such a worthwhile charity," she said.

Entrance to the event is by a donation to Marie Curie (minimum of £5 per family), which will entitle you to bring as many items as you like for valuation.

Mr Keane said: "We are all looking forward to a great day at what will be our first charity valuation event in Cardiff. There is no need to book in advance, but please remember that valuations will be on a 'first come first served' basis and that heavy furniture and very large items cannot be accepted.

"However, if you want to bring along a photo on your phone and a description of anything too big to carry, we'll still do our best to value it."



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The open days will give parents the chance to take a tour of the facilities, meet staff and learn more about the curriculum and additional learning needs provision that will be offered at each new school, as well as plans for future improvements and the admissions process.

A presentation will also be given by Executive Headteacher for the two new schools Dr Vince Browne.

The times and dates of the sessions are:

Port Road Site

Wednesday 18 October 2017

Barry Comprehensive School

Year 6: 17:00-18:00

Years 7, 8 & 9: 18:00-19:00

Merthyr Dyfan Road Site

Thursday 19 October 2017

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Barry school and guests have a coffee for Macmillan



Guests, staff and pupils at the fundraising coffee morning.

BARRY Comprehensive School joined schools and offices across the UK last Friday to support the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Staff contributed cakes, which were served with tea and coffee by Welsh Baccalaureate pupils.

The school welcomed guests, including Jane Hutt AM and former staff members to the event to chat while donating to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity.

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CAR BOOT SALE

CASTLELAND Community Centre are holding an indoor car boot sale on Sunday, October 22 from 10am-2pm. There will be lots on offer, free parking available, and the café will be open for refreshments.

There may be a couple of tables available at £5. To book a table, please contact us on 01446 701285, castleland@dicdevelopmenttrust.com.

The centre is situated near the town centre on Belvedere Crescent, Barry CF63 4JZ.

Concert in aid of addiction centre

THE Living Room Cardiff, a community-based 'all addiction' recovery centre, will welcome the Denbigh Male Voice Choir to a fundraising event on October 14.

It is being organised by 'Friends of the Living Room' and the choir will be supported by a special guest, singer and radio personality Caryl Parry Jones.

Caryl, a popular voice on both Radio Wales and Radio Cymru, is originally from Clwyd, the stronghold of the choir, and now lives in the Vale.

Arwel Ellis Owen, chairman of Friends of the Living Room, said:

"We are very grateful to the choir for its willingness to support our fundraising efforts."

"The centre offers support for anyone experiencing difficulties in relation to alcohol, drugs or any other dependency or harmful behaviour and welcomes anyone who needs support in taking that first step towards recovery."

The concert on Saturday, October 14 at Crwys Chapel, Richmond Road, Roath, Cardiff starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £10 each, and can be ordered by contacting The Living Room on 02920 493895 or carol.hardy@cais.org.uk.

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Rail union welcomes safety announcement

RAIL union RMT has welcomed the announcement by First Minister Carwyn Jones that the Welsh Government has committed to keep a safety critical conductor or guard on all Wales and Borders services and trains.

This will include the South Wales Metro trains and they will require a second person on board to operate.

The union also welcomed other commitments from the First Minister, including a 'no compulsory redundancy' guarantee and a positive framework for discussion to progress unions' aspirations around rolling stock maintenance, stations and ticket office staff and cleaning and catering staff.

It said commitments have also been given that responsibility and ownership of the railway infrastructure will remain with Network Rail. In the event of the core Valley lines being transferred to the Welsh Government, ownership and responsibility of the infrastructure will remain in the public sector under

Transport for Wales, with options being identified for affected staff to stay employed by Network Rail.

RMT General Secretary Mick Cash said: "The First Minister's welcome commitment to keep a guard on every train is a breakthrough for our campaign against driver-only trains and for our campaign for a safe, secure and accessible railway, not only in Wales but nationwide."

"Our policy is for a national integrated railway under public ownership and we will continue to campaign for that objective. We note that this is also the aspiration of the Welsh Government, who are operating within the legislative constraints imposed by Westminster."

"Within that legislative straitjacket, it is welcome that we have been able to engage in very positive and constructive discussions with the First Minister who has made an important set of commitments to protect the jobs and conditions of rail workers in Wales which will now underpin further detailed discussions."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, October 15 at 2pm, 'The long way round', starting at Cosmeston Country Park cafe.

On Wednesday, October 18 at 10.30am, the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Romilly Cafe, Cold Knap, Barry.

also on October 18 at 2.30pm, the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden fountain.

Second hand book sale

FICTION, non-fiction and children's books will be on sale on Saturday, October 21 between 10.30am-3.30pm at Cowbridge Scout Group Hall (behind the Sheep Market) in Cowbridge.

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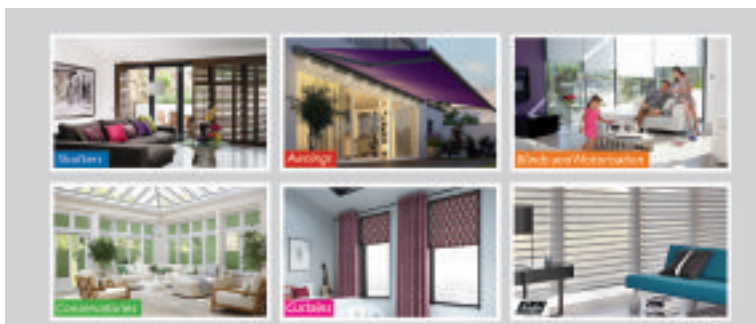
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(Née Waite)
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MORRIS

Margaret

Peacefully on October 2nd at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Beloved wife of the late Eddie Morris. Sadly missed by all the family. Funeral to be held at Cardiff and Vale Crematorium, Barry, on Monday, October 16th at 1pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu can be made to Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth. Enquiries to Park Funeral Directors, Tynewydd Road, Barry.

CURTIS

Brian William (Bert)

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Brian will be sadly missed by all family and many friends.

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ATKINS

Edith Patricia

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ADAMS

Peter John

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Eric

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Eric is in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ the Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of his life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, October 16th at 2pm. Family floral tributes only, donations if desired, may be made at the service or via Eric's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages.

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BROWNJOHN

Née Barton
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Rose will be sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

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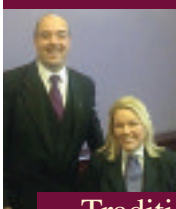
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'EU talks getting near the time to walk away' - GEM READER

AN interesting letter from **Peter Knapp** stated that **29 million voters did not vote to leave - very true.**

But the real truth is that 12 million voters did not think it was worthwhile voting (they are called the 'silent majority'). Had they forgotten, how important this referendum was to them and the future of the United Kingdom?

Mr Knapp must not have known that the referendum attracted some 'new voters' (ex-silent majority perhaps?) who did not participate in the 2015 general election.

A majority of this group, (60 per cent) voted to leave.

The Leave campaign's success was underpinned by a broad-based coalition of voters, which was much more wide-ranging than the Remainers. Today 'Project Fear' has been shown for what it was, a big lie.

We know what the unelected Mr Juncker and his cronies really want: merger of all five presidents of the EU into a single high-profile president of the EU; an EU 'defence union' (army); creation of an EU finance minister within the Commission.

Also to hold the next EU elections on a pan-European basis, rather than allowing national elections to the EU parliament - it cuts down the ideological groups, making it easier to control; abolishing national vetoes from all sovereign EU governments and making the Euro the currency of

the whole EU.

Sounds a bit like fascism and we know what happened when they last got in.

I think the Leavers made the right choice. Looking at how the EU are undertaking the present discussions, it is getting near to the time when we should just walk away - no divorce bill, it's not legal anyway - and start to govern ourselves.

Here are some of the freedoms we will acquire after leaving:

The ability to make stronger trade deals with other nations, to spend UK resources to the advantage of all UK citizens.

The authority to control our national borders.

To reinstate Britain's own legal system, rather than be controlled by the highly politicised ECJ.

We can choose to deregulate the EU's costly mass of laws and to make major savings for British consumers. However, the other parties want to make political capital out of the Repeal Bill, they must think the people of the UK are really stupid.

Our independence will improve the British economy and generate more jobs - already our exports are expanding; revive our fisheries and agricultural industries; save the NHS from EU threats to undermine it by harmonising healthcare across the EU...

And reduce welfare payments to non-UK EU citizens. Surely no one, of whatever age, could disagree with that?

But I guess some will.
Jeff Godwin,
Llantwit Major.

Charity's race day at Llandow

THE Welsh bereavement charity 2 Wish Upon A Star will hold its first family race day, on Sunday, October 15.

It will feature an elephant dash for children under seven, a family fun run, and a 5k fun run for teenagers and adults, with prizes.

Fancy dress is optional, though this year there is a jungle animal theme.

All proceeds will go towards supporting the charity's work, helping families through the worst time of their lives.

Founder of the charity, Rhian Burke said it was going to be a day for all the family:

"At 2 Wish Upon A Star, we have a natural ethos of support, friendship, and togetherness.

"Though our work supporting suddenly bereaved families is always tough, it's important to hold events such as this to bring families and loved ones together.

"I'd encourage anyone who wants to learn more or support our charity to come along, don their daps and run with us."

The event starts at 9.45am on Llandow Race Circuit in the Vale.

For more information or to book your ticket, you can call 01443 853 125 or head to www.2wishracedaytickets.eventbrite.co.uk.

SC

Vale AM hosts Macmillan Coffee Morning in Barry



Jane Hutt AM (centre) with Golau Caredig resident Gerry Llewellyn and volunteer Martin Morris.

ON September 28, Vale AM Jane Hutt AM hosted a Macmillan fundraising coffee morning with Action for Elders and Hafod at Golau Caredig Extra Care facility in Barry.

Ms Hutt said: "Thank you to all who helped organise this wonderful fundraiser and to everyone who dropped in for a cup of tea to raise money for this worthy cause. "I am delighted that we raised over £800 for Macmillan Cancer Support."

AS

Sunshine and ice creams on a day out by the sea!



Cowbridge Friendship Club members relax on their annual outing.

THE Cowbridge Friendship Club's annual outing couldn't have asked for a better day.

Once aboard the Greenlink coach, the first stop was Barry Island and with the sun shining down, it was a perfect way to start the afternoon sitting looking out at the sea, sampling ice cream.

A pleasant afternoon soon came to an end, but the trip continued at Brambles Tea Rooms, where members enjoyed a cream tea.

The Cowbridge Friendship Club meet on the last Thursday of the month in Llanblethian Village Hall, where new members are always welcome.

Call 01656 668446 for further information.
PAT SMITH

Barry and District League

CRIB DIVISION 1

West End 5, Cadoxton Cons 10; Rhose Social 6, Liberals 9; Moors Boys 4, West End Runaways 11.

LEAGUE TABLE

West End Runaways 41; Liberals 38; Cadoxton Cons 33; Wyndham Cons 33; Rhose Social 30; Moors Boys 26; West End 24.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1

King William XII 5, Rhose Social A 2; Rugby Club 6, Rhose Social B 7; Rhose Social C 2, Slammers 5; West End D 4, Allsorts 3; Liberals C 1, Barry Town FC 6; Barries Boys 0, Liberals A 7.

LEAGUE TABLE

Rhose Social B 20.0; West End C 18.0; Rugby Club 17.0; West End D 17.0; Slammers 16.0; Rhose Social 14.5; Rhose Social C 14.0; Cambrian Flyers 13.0; Rhose Social A 3.0; Sea View B 12.5; Allsorts 12.0; Liberals A 12.0; King William XII 11.5; Liberals C 9.5; Barry Town FC 9.0; Barries Boys 8.0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1

Cadoxton Cons Z 4, West End C 1; Wyndham Cons A 2, Savoy A 3;

Services Social B 2, Cadoxton Cons B 3; Savoy B 2, Liberators 3; Harbour B 5, Rhose Social B 0.

LEAGUE TABLE

Harbour B 24; Cadoxton Cons Z 17; Savoy A 15; Wyndham Cons A 12; Cadoxton Cons B 9; West End C 9; Rhose Social B 8; Services Social B 8; Liberators 7; Savoy B 6; Penarth Cons A 5.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2

Cadoxton Misfits 4, Sully Sports A 1; Harbour A 2, West End B 3; Wyndham Cons D 3, Market Street B 2; Market Street C 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2; West End A 4, Castle A 1; Penarth Cons B 2, Rhose Social C 3.

LEAGUE TABLE

Rhose Social C 18; Cadoxton Misfits 17; Wyndham Cons D 16; Market Street B 13; Harbour A 12; West End A 12; Penarth Cons B 11; Cadoxton Cons A 11; Market Street C 11; West End B 11; Sully Sports A 7; Castle A 6.

* = Points deducted

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Yachts battle the elements in Bristol Channel Race

THE Bristol Channel Race took place on Friday, September 29, having been rescheduled for the end of the sailing season after it was hoped there would be more support for this date than the May bank holiday.

It was disappointing, therefore, that only three boats entered. *Mascotte* and *Jan Rorlan* have been regular supporters over the years and the club was delighted that last year's Cock of the Bristol Channel, *Dolphin*, made a passage directly to Barry from Iceland in order to defend the trophy.

Following a supper at Barry Yacht Club on the Thursday evening, the course around Lundy Island and the West Helwick buoy was confirmed at a short briefing meeting. The weather forecast was for moderate to strong west to southwest wind with occasional showers.

The start was set for some two hours before high water so that an adverse tide would be encountered initially. The best course was to tack as close inshore as possible and to use the back eddies in the bays along the Welsh coast.

Mascotte had a perfect start crossing the line only 6 seconds after the start signal and close to the lighthouse on the end of the western breakwater, where there was a favourable west going current.

She was closely followed by *Dolphin*, with only two crew aboard, at the same end of the line. *Jan Rorlan* was too far offshore and did not gain the advantage of the favourable current. She crossed the line several minutes later and further offshore.

The two larger boats had set full sail including topsails, and the fleet continued to tack down the coast almost as far as Nash Point, by which time the ebb had begun to run.

This created the usual Bristol Channel short, steep sea caused by the wind against tide conditions. The wind also freshened and some boats shortened sail as the day wore on. *Jan Rorlan* found the conditions too severe and they eventually decide to retire in the late evening when in the lead mid-channel and some 15 miles from

Lundy. They returned to Barry.

Mascotte carried on with reduced sail and rounded Lundy after dark. She reported having made 14 tacks to reach Nash Point and a similar number before reaching Lundy. The last two of these were made quite close to Lundy South Light where wind and sea conditions were particularly difficult. *Dolphin* battled on until the early hours of Saturday before having to abandon hopes of rounding Lundy, due to adverse weather and tide combined with a wind shift to the south.

Mascotte crossed the channel with eased sheets rounding the West Helwick early on Saturday and then having a very fast passage to the finish, which she reached just after 3pm.

Dolphin continued to sail and rounded the West Helwick sometime on Saturday morning and then had a favourable tide until mid afternoon allowing her to reach Nash Point by high water. Her progress thereafter was slow, and she used her engine for a period to make over the ebb. She eventually reached Barry late on Saturday evening.

Since *Mascotte* was the only boat to complete the course, she has become Cock of the Bristol Channel for 2017. She covered the distance in just over 27½ hours, which is very creditable, taking into account the very heavy conditions experienced. Due to the crews having to get the boats up channel for the winter lay-up, only the crew of *Jan Rorlan* was able to return to the BYC for the intended presentation at Sunday lunchtime. The presentation was postponed until a later date when all crews will be able to attend.

THE Highlight Race took place on Saturday, September 30 and was the 50th consecutive running of the race, which started out in 1968 as the BBC TV Race.

It was very encouraging to see that almost half the fleet of 23 entries were visitors from other clubs from Porlock Weir, Cardiff, Weston Bay and Portishead.

The weather at the start was overcast with a southerly breeze of about 10 to 12 knots, which ensured that the sea conditions

were relatively good.

The course was from the extended start line off Jackson's Bay to the Holm Middle buoy, the Weston buoy, then to the South Cardiff buoy before returning to the finish.

The wind soon started to lighten but progress was good on the first leg to the buoy, which is situated between Flat and Steep Holm. The wind strengthened again to about 10 knots and the direction backed towards the southwest allowing a broad reach to the next mark which is placed to the south of Flat Holm.

The new direction of the wind gave a broad reach on the other jibe to South Cardiff and there was an increase in wind speed to 15 to 20 knots. Fortunately, the direction was such that the final leg of the course was a close reach, so no hard windward work was involved.

The handicap scratch boat in fleet was *Rollercoaster*, a J109 with a handicap number very much lower than the bulk of competitors. She finished the race in just under two hours and the next boat, *Madcap*, was some 20 minutes astern.

The third boat to finish was the eventual winner on handicap, *MiSue*, which finished some three minutes later. The bulk of the fleet finished quite close together taking between 2½ and 3 hours to complete the course.

The prizes were presented by John Webb, owner of the race sponsors Highlight Building and Property Maintenance.

He thanked those responsible for organising and running the race before presenting substantial cash prizes and trophies.

The overall winner was *MiSue*, sailed by her owner Lyn Reeve from Barry. The second and third prizes went to boats from Porlock Weir SC, namely *Coquette* sailed by owner Chris Langdon and *Sophie* sailed by owner Mike Ley.

Trophies were also awarded to the leading boats on handicap from the north and south sides respectively of the Bristol Channel. These went to *MiSue* and *Coquette*. Within this event there is a team race between Barry YC and Porlock Weir SC and the conclusive winter this year was Porlock Weir SC.

BD

Lucky for some: record number of entrants for 13th Park Run



Like greyhounds in the slips, the Park Run runners straining upon the start until the race's afout.

A RECORD number of runners laced up their trainers on October 7 for Park Run's 13th anniversary.

The local Barry Island branch was no different, with a large group of runners braving the heavy rain and 20mph winds to take on the coastal route.

To commemorate the 13th anniversary, the runners donned limited edition Park Run apricot-coloured tops. Following the run, well deserved coffees and bacon sandwiches were enjoyed by runners and organisers at Marco's café.

Kick-starting the race was marathon runner and

local MP Alun Cairns, who congratulated the Barry Island Park Run group on a successful two years since the launching of the local group.

He said: "I always thoroughly enjoy taking part in the Barry Island Park Run. Runners come in all weathers to take on the very scenic 5k course, which this week was particularly stormy!"

"I remember the establishment of the Barry Island Park Run over two years ago and commend all of the volunteers for the undeniable hard work and graft that has gone into maintaining the success of this local group."

RS

GYMNASTS SHINE IN RECENT EVENTS



Iwan Mephram.



Harri and Sammi Morgan.

YMCA Barry Gymnastics Club are extremely proud of the achievements of their male gymnasts over the last few weeks.

Earlier this year YMCA Barry gymnasts Josh Cook and Iwan Mephram were selected to be on the Commonwealth 2018 long list.

This means that Josh and Iwan have had to undertake many Commonwealth trials to make the final team that will travel to Australia.

Josh and Iwan completed two recent trials one in London and one in Cardiff, where they completed many new spectacular skills in their routines and gaining many of the qualification scores.

Josh and Iwan are now working towards their next trials where they will be aiming to gain further qualifying scores. YMCA Barry also had three other gymnasts competing in this year's Open Championships, which is one of the biggest competitions in Britain

where all the top gymnasts in the country compete.

In the youngest category, Charlie Watkins competed in his first British competition, where he demonstrated great maturity and performed excellently throughout.

Charlie particularly shone on vault where he placed third against extremely strong competition. Sammi Morgan gained 11th overall in his age category and fourth on the pommel horse. This is a fantastic achievement for Sammi who is now competing at the highest level for his age group.

Our final competitor at the London Open was Harri Morgan who has dramatically increased the difficulty of his routines for the competition and gained valuable experience moving on to future competitions with his new routines.

At the 2017 Welsh Elite Grades Jacob Watkins and Charlie Watkins competed and truly excelled themselves.

In the Elite Grade 1 category Charlie placed third on pommel, second on parallel bars, third on

physical preparation, first on vault and Overall took the bronze medal.

Due to Charlie's high level of performance, Charlie has been selected to represent Wales in the British Elite Grades Finals later this month.

Jacob Watkins in the eight year old category swept the board with first on vault, physical preparation and pommel horse, second on rings and floor and third on parallel bars.

Jacob was then crowned the overall eight-year-old Welsh Champion. Due to these impressive results, both Charlie and Jacob have been selected for the

Welsh Elite Gymnastics Squad.

YMCA Barry provides gymnastics and cheerleading for girls and boys from toddlers to elite international gymnasts and is the most successful club in the Vale.

All classes are run by extremely qualified and experienced coaches and the club has been recognised as a centre of excellence for men's artistic gymnastics.

If you would like more information on any of the classes please contact us 01446 724000 or email Sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk.

SE

Bowls club holds finals day

DUE to the outstanding performances, in all competitions during the season by John Papoutsou, Cadoxton Bowls Club's finals day was split over three days to accommodate the four finals for which he qualified. Unfortunately the final results did not end with happy endings, for him.

The first game of bowls was the Jack Hartman Trophy, for over-60s and although he played very good bowls throughout, Derek Jefferies was outstanding and won with ease.

The second game was the handicap against Jim Stacey, and in a close match, with the advantage changing throughout a '3' was scored by Jim to win 21-19.

The club championship followed with Kelvin Chedgzy, his opponent. Kelvin took an early 6-1 advantage after four ends, which moved to 9-4 four ends later.

John came fighting back and tied the scores at nine each; Kelvin then increased his score to 15 without reply over the next four ends. Once again John came back with two 2's, but Kelvin hung on to win an exciting competition.

The two bowl competition was a trouble-free success for Don Kuhnell against Ivor Robertson. Derek Jefferies had his second success in the novices trophy. He took a 6-1 lead against Dennis Hammond after four ends, who made a comeback to take a 9-10 advantage.

The supremacy changed again putting Derek 19-12 in front. However two '3's were scored against before he scored his second win of the finals. The new memorial trophy was contested by

Jim Stacey and Ann Jones. Ann put a respectable performance but found Jim too strong for her on the day.

The team games were played on the third day with John Papoutsou again taking part, in the pairs.

However he was unable to produce a better result than previously. He was partnered by Ian Heppenstall, and their opponents were Kelvin Chedgzy and Alan Prince.

After taking an early lead, a '6' on the seventh end gave Kelvin's rink a 9-4 shot advantage. This was the downfall as the difference at the end of the game was six shots.

Kevin was in action once more in the triples and he had Howard Craven as his opposite number.

The spectators were entertained with a wonderful game of bowls, with neither side able to stamp their authority on it.

The front two, Jim Stacey and Ewan Heppenstall, had a tremendous battle with Ewan just about taking the honours.

This was followed by Dennis Hammond and Phil Ellis, who both played their part with head changing bowls.

With four ends remaining Kelvin held a four shot advantage, but a '3' and a single levelled the scores. The supremacy was regained with a '2', for Kelvin.

In a dramatic final end Ewan drew two close bowls with Jim running through the head. Dennis added another, before Phil trailed the jack.

With nothing really close although holding shot the other bowls were measures all round. Howard's final bowl came in contention for a measure, which turned out to be the third shot needed.

DK

AJ

Barry RFC news

FOLLOWING their 36-16 defeat to Nelson RFC in the National Plate, this weekend Barry RFC are on the road again to play Cardiff Quins in their next league fixture.

Kick-off is at 2.30pm, while the second XV are due to play Club Rygbi Caerdydd at home with the kick off also at 2.30pm.

The lottery rolls over again this week with the jackpot now £6,700 - last week's numbers were 03, 04, 06 and 18.

Rising Sun karate fighters impress

OCTOBER 7, saw a young team of fighters travel down the A48 to compete in the Welsh club team, individual clicker and kata event.

A team of young aspiring kata experts started the day off in the team kata event.

Ruby Bennett, Lloyd Jones and Jamie Jones Began the day doing a high level synchronized kata. After getting through to the final round, they were piped to the post and placed fourth overall, a top effort from a team comprised of eight and nine-year-olds.

Next came the individual event, where Ruby Bennett and Lloyd Jones were selected to represent the club. The event was over two rounds, with Lloyd up first.

With strong technique and stances Lloyd finished with a score of 17.6 out of 20. Next up was Ruby, choosing to perform a high standard kata to wow the judges.

With concentration in her technique and a loud shout to finish, she scored 18.1 out of 20 giving her a deserved third place podium finish.

In the team clicker event, first up was team C, comprising of Arwen Kilgour, Rhys Andrews and Jamie Jones. This was an inexperienced team with this being young Arwen's first fight.

Arwen was matched up to a current Welsh team member, but this didn't matter to Arwen - with her hands held up high she kept pushing forward, narrowly missing out on the win. Well done Arwen!

Next up was Rhys, who got caught with a fierce head kick; after a little rest and his focus found, Rhys began to work his punches and



kicks. Unfortunately he was one point short of the victory.

The final fighter of the team was stand-in Jamie Jones who was up against a strong Welsh team member. This didn't faze Jamie, and with his superior head kicks he finished off with the victory, final score 2-1 to Cwmbran.

In team B, Levi Gronow was first up, working the low kick from the whistle and showing similar technique to his Welsh champion full-contact grandfather Phil Burbidge.

These kicks got the judges attention and got Levi the victory for his team. Rhys Andrews was next up as a stand-in for an absent fighter and you could see he had learnt from his latest defeat by scoring with three head kicks to win.

Victory was sealed with Wilson Wong picking his opponent off from the off with great punches and kicks to make it 3-0 against Rhondra.

Team A were drawn against the highly experienced team and first up was Jamie Jones. After being warned for

his aggressive approach, he settled into the fight getting the victory over a fighter who has been capped for Wales. Well done Jamie!

Next up was Ruby Bennett, who got an easy victory for the team. Last up was Lloyd Jones who looked very composed and picked his opponent off with ease, earning another victory for the team and a final score of 3-0 against Mountain Ash.

Team A then faced off against team B, with team A getting the win and going through to the final.

First up was Jamie Jones against a taller opponent. After a hard-fought battle with lots of good techniques, Jamie was piped to the post and lost the bout.

Next up was Ruby Bennett who started the better of the two fighters, but with clicks not being noticed.

Without losing heart Ruby carried on pushing forward, catching her opponent with some excellent counter strikes. Unfortunately the result went against Ruby who narrowly lost 3-2.

Last up was Lloyd Jones who gave his all

throughout, showing great kyokushin spirit and technique, but he too came short in the referee's eyes, the final score 3-0.

Two of our most experienced members were chosen to represent the club in the individual clicker event.

This event was for age 10 and below, and the height and grades on display in this category meant it was going to be really hard for our younger fighters to get a podium finish.

First up was Ruby Bennett against a male green belt with a Welsh badge. This didn't matter to Ruby, she began with her fluent movement, firing clean single techniques. As the bout progressed Ruby began to land cleaner techniques and romped to victory.

Next up was Lloyd Jones, Lloyd had a hard day already fighting bigger and stronger opponents and holding his own.

For his first fight he was against a lower grade, Lloyd showed great kyokushin etiquette and worked the opponent light, but he didn't just get the victory he gave

his opponent some valuable experience.

The last-16 saw Lloyd up against a seasoned fighter; after Lloyd started the fight well and pushed his opponent off the mat twice, the fight started to turn and his opponent pipped him to the post, getting the victory.

The judges came over to coach Spencer Bennett and told him that there was only one point in it.

Ruby then fought against a strong Cardiff kyokushinkai fighter.

Ruby once again stuck to the game plan and kept it simple to get another victory, a 3-0 unanimous win.

The semi-final saw Ruby up against a male green belt with Welsh international experience. Ruby moved well and scored clean shots and the final whistle came and referee's decision gave a flag to Ruby and two flags to the green belt, earning her second place - best technique, overall Kata, and clicker third, Lloyd earning fifth place - most spirited fighter and team A second place.

The club would like to thank its sponsors - Whillee Smart, Cardiff Auto Spray, PC and



Mobiles Barry, Bennett's Removals and The Baruc Arms.

For more information contact Lee on 0781110368 or turn up for a free lesson at The Barry Island Community Centre Mondays or Wednesdays, 6.30pm-7.30pm juniors, adults 8pm-9pm.

LB

Sea View Lads enjoy late summer season



The Sea View Lads caught some lovely specimens recently.

THE past month has been enjoyable for the Seaview Lads, with good weather extending the late summer season.

Some notable fish have been caught, including a bull huss of over 8lb from the shore for Paul Crook and some lovely blonde rays on the boat section.

On the recent boat trip on the *Benjoma Too*, more than 500lb of fish was landed, all returned alive, unless chosen for the pot. The Christmas boat trip was well supported and Roy Bailey landed the best cod to take the turkey!

Golden grey mullet and flounders have been landed during competitions in west Wales and the obliging hounds, eels and ubiquitous dogs have helped anglers justify the time spent on the beach.

Congratulations must go to Don Cook for his second place in this



weekends Barry Angling K Salih; second, R Green; third, J Gullivan. September 3: first, M Langford; second, S Doble; third, R Green.

Don has also left his mark on recent shore competitions along with regular podium places for Paul and Aida.

The results are as follows: August 27, first, Crook; third, D Cook.

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League results – latest

BARRY & District skittles results, week commencing October 2:

Division 1 - Bakers Dozen 252 (S Davies 32), Cad Con Fillies 275 (S Chillcott 27); Family & Friends 246 (J Sheppard 25), Family Affair 241 (J Waldon 29); Red Admiral 229 (H Selby 29), Space Finders 246 (L Jones 26); Barry Stars 321 (M Richards), Colcot Ladies 300 (H Edwards 37); Coppers 336 (D Nesbit 33), Allsorts 344 (H Bunting 36).

Division 2 - Castle Bandits 233 (J Grant 28), Challengers 232 (A Richards & J Diamond 26); Roller Coasters 212 (L Thomas 25), Sea View Lights 199 (G Douglas & M Seixas 23); Clickies 292 (N Harvey 34), Bobbies Girls 290 (S Seldon 30); Special Angels 241 (P Griddle 24); Breakaway 214 (L Burnett 27); Rhooose Starlights 247 (S Oliver 27), La Bells 261 (S Davis 27); Witchill Widows 291 (M Curry 33, Airway Angels 342

(B Collins & J Naish 33).

Division 3 - Vixens 227 (N Sheppard 32), Etcetera 227 (J Barnett 30); Rebels 229 (S Oram 26), Dolly Mixtures 227 (C Abbott 27); Merry Makers 194 (M Denman 25), Rugby Triers 187 (C Jenkins 26); Hillbillies 306 (G Moorcraft 34), Sea View Ladies 259 (F Butler 33); After Eights 288 (M Conibear 33), Persuaders 277 (C Organ 33); Uptown Girls 241 (R Dutton 25), Little Devils 221 (G Bowen 27).

Division 4 - Optimists 227 (S Johnson 24), Odd Bods 229 (T Cerian 34); Witches 220 (Y Curnow 27), Socialites 223 (R Hooper 31); Hell Raisers 235 (S Lewis 30), Livin on a Spare 190 (E McMcloggin 24), Night Twilights 224 (T Davies 24), Nite Outers 198 (L Newman 24); Boozy Birds 185 (S Roderick 24), Aristocats 160 (T Weston 24); Bimbo's 219, Witchill Wanderers 206.

HB

Silver medal for James

The Sport Wales National Sport Centre, Cardiff was the host for the Welsh leg of the Four Nation's ParaBadminton competition.

James Savory (Barry) played in the single competition, narrowly missing out on a runners-up medal in a very strong group.

In the afternoon James and his partner Stephen Davies (Wrexham) were in the top group in the class one men's doubles - this was a very strong group with competitive from all corner of Britain.

After completing all their group matches James and Stephen received the silver medal.



If anyone is interested in become an athlete or volunteer in any sport for Special Olympics Wales please contact Jeff Savory on 0780316 5581 or email specialolympics wales@gmail.com.

JS

Vale of Glamorgan Pool League – latest round-up

THE Vale of Glamorgan county pool team have been promoted in their first season.

Captain James Hill took his players to Neath knowing a win would see them champions. Unfortunately the lads didn't play well and were beaten for the first time this season in their last fixture.

It was a big ask to play such a good team with so many of their best players unavailable. John Farrugia, Mark Ingram, birthday boy Ryan Rowlands and Barry's number one pool player Chris Bardsley were all missing.

The task of beating the newly-crowned divisional champions fell to Ceri Morris, Dan Roderick, Ian Hill and Paul Everest to lead the way.

All would try their best, but to no avail. Debutant Wayne Hobson and Miles Dunn looked as though they were enjoying the pressure of the big game, with the reliable Graham Avariant having an off day.

Congratulations to the whole squad in getting promoted from such a tough division.

In the league, the Libs Rejects had a 10-2 victory against O'Briens with Tom Ivins and Ben Nicholas in excellent potting form, both players winning all four of their matches.

John Wolfenden and Martyn Croke would win two frames for O'Briens making the score 2-2. The Rejects would go on and win the remaining games.

The scoreline doesn't reflect the closeness of the games as the balls didn't run kindly for O'Briens.

Over at the Castle, in a closer than the result suggests match, the Dark Lords continued their winning streak with a 9-3 home win versus the King William IV.

Gavin Rowlands and Wayne Hobson all came away with unbeaten records, with Matt Tobin singing and dancing his way to many victories – the young man gets better every week.

Geoff Froud was unlucky to lose to Wayne Hobson, potting a great black for the cue ball to hit two cushions and drop in to the pocket. Neil Tipples was again the King William's best player.

A cracking night of pool at

Finnegans saw Millwood Pot Jacks racing into a commanding 5-0 lead. Finnegans were able to pull back to within one frame by some superb potting by Kane Grindley, before Nick Parry made it 6-4. An unfortunate push stroke in the last frame sealed the 7-5 win for the visitors.

Billy United remain unbeaten with a 10-2 win against a spirited Borough Arms team. Singles wins for Gary and Ian Roberts and vice-captain Mark Ingram and Les Ashton gave the home side a 4-0 advantage.

Ron Larkin then cleared up in the first doubles, before Andrew Wilson and the returning John Farrugia kept the home team in front. The Roberts brothers won again in the second set of singles, before Paul Breen pulled off a great win against the in-form Les Ashton. Rob Larkin was denied by a clinical finish from Mark Ingram to make the score 8-2.

Farrugia and Wilson, followed by Mullins and Ingram, then mopped up the remaining doubles for a 10-2 victory.

The Wanderers welcomed the Witchill to the Glenbrook. The first set was a close affair with Karl Marsh beating Steve Wadkins, the Wanderers' only win.

Sloppy finishing cost the Wanderers many valuable points, while The Wildcats' Paul Everest and Ceri Morris had some fine wins.

The first set of doubles would go to the Witchill with Hill/Hill and Everest/Morris all again playing well.

The second set of singles would see Taylor take a game he never looked like winning.

A tough night for the Wanderers but the night belonged to the Wildcats winning 9-3.

The league are still looking for players of all capabilities to sign up and play – contact Anthony on 07568 444180 or text Joe on 07870 498738.

Thanks again to our sponsors – Asprou Barbers Park Crescent, Eze Drive Driving School and R&M Mobile Valeting.

JB

Manon and Gwenno in Welsh squad



Gwenno Goode and Manon Pearce.

Manon Pearce and Gwenno Goode, from year-8 at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, have won a place in the Welsh under-13s girls' football squad.

Girls' football has gone from strength-to-strength at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in recent years, under the care of Miss Bethan Price, a member of the PE department.

She was delighted to hear the news: "I'm

really proud of Gwenno's and Manon's success, because both girls give their best at all times. They will be an asset to the Welsh team, and I wish them the best of luck."

The girls have already attended the weekly regional training sessions, which are a platform to the girls' national squad player development pathway.

Loren Dykes and Charlotte Preen will be leading the sessions, along with other experienced coaches.

George's fine 16-1 triumph!

THE Vale's George Blackwell is certainly making a name for himself of late.

Riding the Tim Vaughan-trained *Dusky Raider* in the closing Hex Leasing Handicap Hurdle at Uttoxeter on Sunday, the seven-pound-claiming jockey brought home the 16-1 outsider three lengths ahead of *Generous Day*, and on this showing George won't be too long in losing his weight allowance.

Four-year-old *Dusky Raider*, a winner on the flat, was the youngest horse in the race and could be one to follow.

EVAN LANDS

TOP PRIZE

Llancafarn trainer Evan Williams landed the principal race of the day when his seven-year-old *Aqua Dude* ran out a three lengths winner of the Marston's Beginners' Chase over two-and-a-half miles.

Aqua Dude won £6,330 for his owners, Worcestershire's Mr and Mrs William and Angela Rucker who are great point-to-point enthusiasts.

Aqua Dude, who was racing for the first time in 197 days, was returned at odds of 5-1 and was partnered by the talented Adam Wedge.

CHRISTIAN'S WARWICK WIN

Ogmore by Sea's Christian Williams, who trains just outside Cardiff, saddled the winner of the Maiden Hurdle at Warwick last Thursday (October 5) with his five-year-old bay gelding *The Welsh Paddies*, who, ridden by Noel Fehily, had a length to spare over the Nigel Twiston-Davies trained *Jabulani*.

The Welsh Paddies was returned the 7-4 favourite.

EVAN'S BANGOR WINNER

Llancafarn's Evan Williams took the closing Printworks Handicap Chase at Bangor last Friday with his six-year-old gelding *Jonagold* who scored by one-and-a-quarter lengths from Kevin Frost's *Drumlong*.

Jonagold, owned by Pembrokehire farmer Bill Evans, was prominent throughout the two miles and four furlongs of the race and went off the 5-2 favourite.

BRIAN LEE

Looking back at 1998 – with Brian Lee

THE GEM's long time columnist Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene for more than half-a-century, takes another look into one of his many press cuttings scrapbooks and this week has selected the following items for 1998:

Under the heading 'Long serving race secretary honoured' this is what I had to say in *The GEM* on August 13 1998: "Around 40 members of the Glamorgan Hunt attended a presentation to Bill Clay, the country's longest-serving hunt-race secretary at the village hall, St Hilary last Thursday (August 6).

"Point-to-point official and former rider of note, Jim Thomas of St Athan made the presentation of a lamp at a fork supper in Mr Clay's honour. Mr Clay's wife Jill received a bouquet of flowers.

"Bill Clay took over the secretaryship from his brother Glynne Clay, who in turn had taken over from his father, the famed cricketer J C Clay in the 1940s.

"The honorary secretary before the war had been Fred Williams of the Bear Hotel, the father of Evan Williams who won the 1937 Grand National on Royal Mail.

"Mr Clay hands over the reins to Cowbridge's Peter Thomas. When I first started reporting on point-to-points, Bill Clay was secretary then and I would like to add my thanks for his help over the years. He certainly made things easier for a newcomer to the sport.

"Our memories go back to the days when the Glamorgan Hunt held their point-to-point over the old Penllyn course and Mr Clay always saw to it that I was given every assistance.

"He always made sure I was invited to the sponsor's tent for some

refreshment and that I had a racecard and all the information to hand, such as winning distances and times.

"I am glad to report that Peter Thomas is still secretary today and that Bill Clay is still giving a helping hand.

"Under the heading 'Local owner wins Welsh point-to-point Grand National' on May 21, 1998, I wrote: '*High Guardian*, owned by company director Ian Brice, who lives just yards from the Bonvilston racecourse, won the Welsh point-to-point Grand National mixed open race at the rearranged Pentrich fixture last Sunday.'

"Confidently ridden by Dorset's Tim Mitchell, *High Guardian*, who was winning for the fifth time this season, led at the second last fence to score by three lengths from Bushton.

"The odds-on favourite, *Rolier*, partnered by Andrew Dalton, ran out when prominent at the 19th of the 24 fences.'

"*High Guardian* is trained by Tim Jones who booked Mitchell (who is to be his best man when he marries in August) the night before, after his sister Pip surprisingly opted to go the Wheatland where she finished second on *Touch 'N Pass*.

A delighted Mr Brice said: "We thought the horse would stay four miles and the race had been his target."

Shropshire's Andrew Dalton, who is making a bold bid for the national riders' championship, notched-up his 31st

winner of the season when landing the restricted open on Alan Brazier's five-year-old *Ashgan*, who won by three lengths from *Storm Dai Fence*.

"The intermediate resulted in a two lengths win for Young Manny, ridden by Mark Lewis, over *Hollow Sound* while Paul Riddick's *Willchris*, ridden by Greg Richards, was a pillar to the post winner of the confined.

"Bridgend butcher Jonathan Tudor, won the first division of the maiden on his uncle John Tudor's *Zatopek*, who held off the challenge of Gary Perkins on *Blazing Connie* by a length.'

"Dai Jones set a seasonal personal best when riding his 15th winner on Mirriam Sullivan's *Hill Lady* in Division Two and David Llewellyn, younger brother of winning Grand National jockey Carl Llewellyn, had an easy win in Division Three on *Final Rose*, a horse he bred and trains himself.'

'Jamie Jukes kept his title hopes alive when winning the members' race on *Pearly Haze*, owned by Kathryn Dando, the honorary secretary. *Pearly Haze* was Juke's 27th winner of the season.

The fine weather attracted a tremendous crowd who were treated to some excellent racing.'

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Georgia impresses in netball and basketball

ST Richard Gwyn Pupil, Georgia Hellerman, aged 14, has been selected for the Wales under-17 netball talent squad and Wales the under-16 basketball squad.

Georgia, who plays club netball for Llantrisant and Red Dragons, has been a member of the Cardiff & Vale County Schools squad since aged 12, and has progressed through the Welsh netball pathway from LA Hubs at under-11 and under-13, to Glamorgan Valleys Welsh under-16 development squad and at the Wales under-16 development tournament in July.

Georgia was selected as one of the top 45 players in Wales earning herself a Wales under-17 trial,

then aged just 13.

After a vigorous Welsh trial selection day at the start of September, Georgia was selected as part of the Wales under-17 talent squad.

Georgia, who plays basketball for Cardiff Met Archers, has represented Basketball Wales at under-12 and under-14 level.

She has represented Wales at international tournaments in Malta and Gibraltar as well as in Britain.

At Basketball Wales trials in September, Georgia was selected as part of the Wales under-16 squad who will be training to represent Wales at the FIBA European Championships in July.

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ABOVE: Georgia in basketball kit, and BELOW: in netball colours!



The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

LAST season's Barry Cup runners-up AFC Rhosee were dumped out in the second round by fellow Premier Division side Island Marine, after a thrilling 4-3 win for Marine.

Once again, as in the previous round, there were no lower league shocks as the results went with the form book. Cogan Coronation edged out Cardiff Airport 2-1 in an all division one tie while FC Barry Belgrade avoided any upset as they routinely dispatched Cadoxton Athletic 3-1.

St Athan advanced to this week's quarter-final draw as they demolished division two Barry Albion 8-2. Cowbridge Town needed extra-time to get past lower league opposition for the second round in a row as they squeaked past division

two Cadoxton Barry 3-2. Llantwit Major survived a late scare, as their keeper was the hero saving a last-minute penalty to ensure a 2-1 victory over BRT Dynamos. Division One pacesetters Sully Sports look like cup dark horses as they breezed past SP Billy with a

comprehensive 6-2 win. Finally in an all Premier Division clash, Premier Division league leaders Barry Athletic avenged a league defeat to Penarth Town by eliminating them from the cup with a 4-2 triumph. The draw for the quarter finals will take place on Saturday.

It's the SWFA Senior Cup this weekend with Cardiff Airport, Vale United, Island Marine, St Athan, Rhosee, Barry Athletic and Cowbridge Town all representing the Vale. There is also Division One and Two action.

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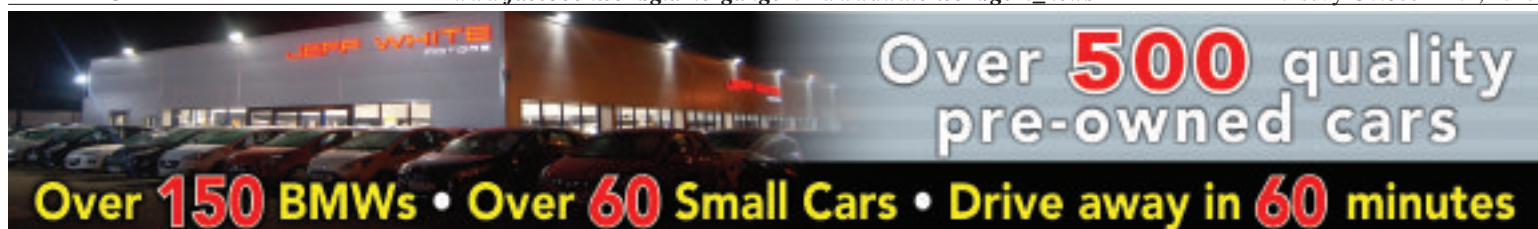
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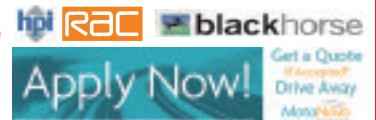
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Last kick of the game sees Dinas beaten in epic Plate encounter

THIS WRU National Plate match between Dinas Powys and Porth Harlequins proved a rumbustious, enthralling contest that saw the lead change hands on seven occasions and ended in heartbreak for the Villagers as they lost to a penalty kick deep in injury time, which proved to be the final act of the match.

Upon reflection this was a game that the Villagers should have won as they dominated territory and possession, had an upper hand at the scrum but were not clinical enough in taking their opportunities.

Enterprise is admirable but sometimes a more pragmatic outlook would certainly prove less frustrating for the coaching team and supporters alike.

The conversion of dominance into points proved costly, as Porth scored two tries from Dinas' errors, as attempted misguided miracle passes failed to go to hand.

The Villagers were disrupted during the contest by injuries to players that led to several players playing out of position.

However, there were no excuses from backs coach Darren Ryan, who immediately after the game demanded greater adherence to the game plan.

There were several meritorious individual performances that will hearten director of rugby John Dunleavy, and with the talent available to the coaching team hopes will

be raised for a successful league season.

Early penalties were exchanged, then after 10 minutes sustained Dinas pressure led to a hurried clearance kick that was returned powerfully by full back Sam Middlemiss.

He fed outside half Ben White who drew the defender and transferred to right wing Jim Wiltshire who scored in the corner; with the conversion added by White the visitors led by 3-10.

The Villagers dominated the majority of the remainder of the first half and a series of individual breaks by centre Darren Ryan, scrum half Nathan Williams and left wing Rhys Evans unfortunately did not lead to any further scores during this period.

The plethora of possession won by the forwards was not converted into points and a well-organised Porth defence were able to repel the persistent Dinas attacks.

The front row of Caleb Robinson, Tom Baister and Andrew O'Mallia provided a dynamic platform at the scrum, regularly pushing the home scrum off their own feeds.

The backrow of Lewis Dunleavy, Ryan Shalish and Corey Imperator tackled and carried the ball with relish and second rowers Ciaran Clarke and Rhys Gambold were enjoying their roles in a dominant pack.

The Villagers looked certain to score a further try as the half drew to a close but a pass thrown blindly through the legs was intercepted on the Porth five-metre line and the home flanker showed good pace to run and score in the left corner;

the difficult conversion was successful and the sides were level 10-10 at half-time.

Skipper Baister was forced to leave the contest at this stage with a leg injury, and the fulcrum of so many Villager attacks was replaced by Luke Dyer, whose first involvement was to have the home scrum half run into him after taking a quick tap penalty, and the bulky front row forward was harshly sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes.

Further misfortune was to follow as Nathan Williams, now at full back in a reorganised back division following the replacement of Darren Ryan from the contest, was caught with an elbow in the face.

The absence of a sweeper at full back was spotted by the home fly half and a deft chip through was rewarded with a try which was converted.

The Villagers were stung into a response and a break by White from his 22-metre area allowed centre Mike Smith to transfer to Nathan Williams to make a stunning sidestepping break before passing to replacement scrum half Tom Davies, who found Lewis Dunleavy in support.

He dummied to Wiltshire on the wing and crossed for the Villagers' second try of the afternoon. The conversion attempt was wide and Dinas Powys trailed by 17-15.

Nathan Williams was still feeling the affect of the earlier blow to the face and was replaced by Duke Durham and Kevin Kallis took over from the admirable Caleb

Robinson at prop.

Within two minutes the Villagers added to their tally with a try through Rhys Evans, who again dummied to Wiltshire before crossing in the shadows of the post. The conversion was added by White and the visitors took the lead by 17-22 with less than 10 minutes of the contest remaining. The Villagers looked in complete control but lack of composure allowed chance after chance to be squandered.

The home side had few opportunities to venture into the Villagers' half, but a hopeful punt upfield was not cleared adequately and a penalty was awarded for offside.

From the resulting lineout, the rolling maul ambled over for the try that levelled the scores at 22-22. The home full back added the conversion and the home side led the visitors from Dinas Powys by 24-22.

The final minutes of the contest saw White kick a penalty that gave the Villagers the narrowest of leads, 24-25, which with time running out appeared to have secured the victory.

However a final twist saw the home side awarded an inevitable penalty that allowed the Porth Harlequins to gain victory with the final kick of the game.

The youthful Dinas Powys team will need to recall the hurt of this defeat and learn the lessons.

The Villagers return to league action on Saturday, October 14, when they welcome Heol y Cwyl to the Common for a 2.30pm kick off.

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Barry look to break into top half of table after Aber stalemate

BARRY Town United are back at Jenner Park this Saturday, looking to break into the top half of the JD Welsh Premier League.

Seventh-placed Town host sixth-placed Cefn Druids, hoping to bag the win that would lift them above their north Walian visitors.

Both teams were involved in scoreless draws at the weekend, Druids held by Newtown at The Rock while Barry and Aberystwyth played out a competitive 0-0 stalemate at Park Avenue, a game in which defender Luke Cooper entered a third man of the match performance of the campaign.

Town manager Gavin Chesterfield will likely be without leading goalscorer Kayne McLaggon this weekend, after the former Merthyr marksman limped off in the first half against the Seaside.

Nevertheless, the Barry boss will be encouraged by the form of stand-in striker Louis Gerrard, the midfielder having already put two past Afan Lido in the midweek Nathaniel MG Cup tie at Jenner Park.

Macaulay Southam and Tyrrell Webbe completed the scoring, bookending an entertaining 4-2 victory that sets up a home tie with Cardiff Met on October 24 in the quarter-finals.

The cup match saw both development squad duo Michael George and Luke Davidson each make their full home debuts for the club.

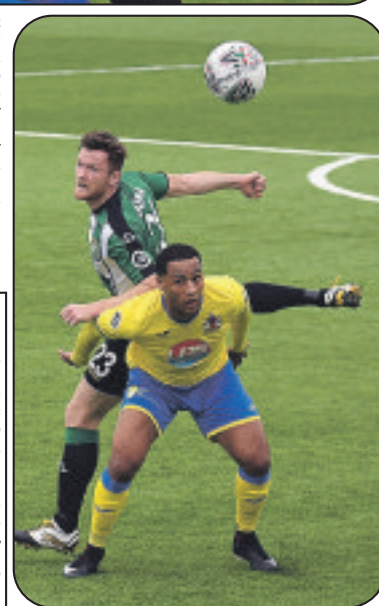
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Barry and Druids at Jenner Park this Saturday will be at 2.30pm, with supporters encouraged to come and watch the Liverpool vs Manchester United match at the new clubhouse sports bar before the live JD Welsh Premier League fixture.

Admission for the fixture is £7 (adults), £5 (senior citizens/students) and £3 (children). AC



Barrivale Bridge Club latest results

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club session on October 3 were as follows:

The top three were: 1, Mike Close and Mia Deschepper 67.92 per cent; 2, Pete Millar and Mike Best 64.58; 3, Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones 64.17.

The handicap winners were Hilary Lawrence and Vivien Liles.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us, telephone 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call in at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club latest

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for October 9 are as follows:

First, Kevin Maddox and Mike Best, 58.56 per cent; second, Dave and Debbie Lea, 57.64; third, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts, 56.57.

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Rather awful week for chess club

AT the start of the chess season the Barry Chess Club had a couple of aims. We wanted to avoid being in the relegation places and avoid any whitewashes – well that is two aims for the season gone.

Three of our teams were in action this week. Well perhaps that is an exaggeration of our performances. 15 different players played for Barry – 14 lost their matches.

We managed one solitary point for our efforts, that came on Tuesday from a player who has been out of form for a few months, so well done Martin Ricketts!

Firstly the Gambits in Division Four entertained the Penarth Piers.

The Penarth team was so strong it could just as easily been the Penarth

Pirates from Division 2. Their bottom board had a rating 250 above our top board.

To lose 5-0 was not unexpected. There were good performances from both of our new players, Oliver Adams and Erion Pici, but in the end they succumbed as well.

The Gambits remain in bottom place in the division but this performance augers well for the future if not today.

In Division Two the Quarks travelled to Nelson. Again we were up against higher ranked opponents and expected on rating terms to lose by the margin that we did (4-1).

The surprise came from Martin, who defeated an opponent 300 points higher. The disappointment came from me. I expected to record a victory and probably missed a few chances to win.

We are not currently the bottom team in this

division but as we have a bye in the next round we probably will be then.

In Division One the Bosons were outrated on all five boards when playing the North Cardiff Woodpushers.

I understand that Matthew Davies could have earned a draw with Tim Kett. The usually-reliable Steve Cunliffe couldn't pull it out of the bag either. This is the first time I can remember the Bosons being whitewashed.

We now drop to sixth place in the table, surprisingly above the Cardiff Castles who play their third round match on Monday. They should move above us which will leave us only 0.5 points above the relegation places.

Our next game against the Cardiff Bishops, in eighth place, is looking massive.

Elsewhere the Caerphilly Kings also won 5-0 and with another

win for the Pontypridd Barbarians, these clubs sit just behind the Woodpushers and have already opened up a gap between themselves and the rest of the field.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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DREAMS OF WORLD CUP 2018 ARE SHATTERED...



Wales suffer World Cup heartbreak as Ireland grab the win in Cardiff



Chris Coleman's future as Wales manager is up in the air after Monday night's game.



A pivotal moment as Joe Allen leaves the field injured - his absence was keenly felt.



The disappointment of the defeat is more than evident. ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY

JOE Jordan's handball in 1977... Paul Bodin's penalty cracking the crossbar in 1993... Losing at home to Russia in the Euro 2004 play-off in 2003... It's safe to say that Wales don't have the best of records when things come down to the wire.

Having pulled themselves back from the brink with three wins on the bounce (following five draws on the bounce), 2018 World Cup qualifying Group D all came down to the last game.

For Wales, the job

was clear – win the game, ensure at least a play-off spot, maybe even, if Georgia fancied playing their part by denying Serbia a win, finishing top of the group. Anything less and the permutations became murky; a draw would mean that results elsewhere involving Croatia and Ukraine would factor into the mix, possibly seeing Wales being the unlucky ninth team in the group of runners-up.

A defeat would mean all of the above was null and void, and opponents Republic of Ireland would leapfrog them, meaning that Wales would, yet again, miss out on qualifying for a World Cup.

When referee Damir Skomina (not the most popular figure in the Cardiff City Stadium, it's fair to say) blew his whistle for full-time on Monday night, it was heartbreak for Wales, delight for Republic of Ireland, James McClean's 57th minute goal for the visitors ensuring a play-off spot for them – and a summer of looking on at the events in Russia for the home team.

As 3,500 Irish fans went ballistic, the remainder of the stadium was in a state of disappointment, another case of so near, yet so far, falling just short of the final hurdle. While tears were shed, players clapped off the

by GARETH JAMIESON

pitch for giving their all, the nagging sense of what could have been lingered in the air.

It wasn't the prettiest of games, a rugged, physical encounter that saw Wales lose the pivotal Joe Allen to injury after a clash (a blow that they didn't quite recover from), with Ireland's five yellow cards an example of how they wished to contain Wales' attacking threats; neither was it a game high on clear-cut chances. It was the sort of encounter where the first goal would be vital.

Unfortunately for the

vociferous home support it came from Ireland, McClean blasting home after Jeff Hendrick dispossessed Ashley Williams, and while Wales had had chances before then to open the scoring (Hal Robson Kanu going closest with a header well saved), the need following McClean's strike became urgent, and for the next 30 or so minutes they banged away at the door, limited to half chances by a disciplined and determined Irish team, whose game plan from the start appeared to be soaking up Welsh pressure and denying them space.

They went close, but not close enough, and as the game finished, Wales were left to reflect on yet another agonising moment in their history.

It was always going to be an uphill struggle for the team, having drawn too many games in the opening stages of the group, but the three wins on the bounce, while certainly lacking flare, showed the grit and determination of this group (especially the 1-0 win in Georgia last Friday evening) and to be in with a chance of automatic qualification with one game to go just shows their resolve.

As it was, the Ireland game reflected the campaign as a whole – Wales lacked a real-cutting edge, and while Gareth Bale's absence from these last two games was undoubtedly

a huge blow, the team's inability to fashion clear-cut opportunities and turn pressure into goals has been their downfall ever since we opened the campaign with a 4-0 win over Moldova.

What shouldn't be lost amidst the disappointment, however, are the cold, hard statistics – that this defeat was Wales' first competitive one at home in four years, and only their second defeat in 22 qualifiers.

It's also testament to the hard work and effort of Chris Coleman and his back room staff, but with Coleman's contract expiring next summer, and him having stated publicly that this would be his last campaign as Wales manager, his future is up in the air.

He wouldn't be drawn on what the future holds, stating after the game: "There's a chance I can (stay) and a chance I won't. It's not just a matter of signing a new contract. The FAW has been great with me – I asked them to leave me alone as my contract has been running down and all the questions were getting asked. There'll be a conversation in due course... My contract is until the summer but, right now, I'm thinking about the experience... When the dust settles, we'll see where we go."

While Coleman's desire to return to day-to-day management is apparent, there's also the sense that this may not be the note he wanted to go out on, and with a group of players that should be

unencumbered by the usual round of international retirements that setbacks like this tend to incur, there's no reason why he can't regroup and lead Wales onward to the 2020 European Championships.

That said, while Wales are in no need of a complete overhaul (another knock-on effect of situations such as this), there is a need to perhaps to take stock and refresh. It could be levelled at Coleman that Wales lack options tactically when faced with opposition who are happy to sit back and play on the counter-attack, lacking the nous to open up defensively-minded teams.

One of the reasons for the dropped points of this campaign has been teams (quite rightly) being unwilling to try and match us, and when presented with a challenge like this Wales haven't fared well, also lacking the killer instinct that is needed to be a top-level team.

In four of the five games drawn, Wales took the lead only to be pegged back, and a quick look at the qualifying table shows that turning one of those draws into a win would have put Wales through at Ireland's expense.

Another way that Wales can kick on is by resuming friendlies; FIFA's ridiculous point system for rankings means that Coleman has eschewed friendly encounters as the points on offer for competitive games are far superior to those for friendly

games (and beating a team like Lithuania in a friendly actually does your ranking more harm than good).

However, without friendlies there is no way to really bring on the new crop of Welsh players who need to be integrated with the existing squad. While Ben Woodburn and latterly, Tom Lawrence have impressed, opportunities have been limited elsewhere for youngsters, and our lack of strength-in-depth and options has been highlighted with the absence of the likes of Bale, Ramsey and Allen at various points.

Whether it's the formation of a B team, or the resumption of friendlies with opposition that will test us, there needs to be more of an opportunity to bring through the likes of David Brooks, Ethan Ampadu, Marley Watkins and the rest.

With or without Coleman (and for me, I personally hope that he stays) the future is bright for Welsh football; while painful, this setback will only harden and push this group on to try and achieve more, and while three years away, there is no reason why this group, and the promising youngsters coming through, can't regroup and qualify in some style for Euro 2020.

The success of Euro 2016 was built on a phrase – 'Together Stronger'; now, more than ever, we need to heed that call.

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